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U.S. Reduces

China Textiles

By Up to 35%

Beijing Is Urged to Stop

Transshipment of Goods

By Paul F. Horvitz and Robert C. Siner

International Herald Tribun WASHINGTON - Weary of waiting for Beijing to make concessions on its textile ex-

ports, the United States announced Thursday

that it would cut by up to one-third the number of Chinese textile and apparel products allowed into the United States this year. At issue is Washington's insistence that Chi-

na halt clothing transshipments, in which goods move to a third nation, receive new labels and thus escape the U.S. import quota for Chinese-

The quotas have the effect of protecting the

The announcement by the U.S. trade repre-

sentative, Mickey Kantor, will have little or no

impact if substantive talks with the Chinese resume and the U.S. order is rescinded, analysis

U.S. officials said they were "hopeful" of renewed talks. There was no immediate re-sponse from Chinese officials. A Chinese Em-

bassy spokesman asked for the U.S. statement. The American action was seen as a clear

signal that Washington intends, for now at

least, to take a firm stand with Beijing on an

economic issue that reverberates in the U.S.

Congress. Legislators, many from textile-pro-ducing states, will have to vote this spring on

whether to renew the broader most-favored-

nation trading status for China.

retroactive to Jan. 1.

"We have said all along that if we could not reach an agreement with China which ad-dressed the problems we have had with textile

trade, then we would have to impose quotas at the levels outlined," Mr. Kantor said.

Dec. 31. Under the new order, quotas will be cut 25 percent to 35 percent on 88 categories of products, including sweaters, knit shirts, cotton trousers and doths used to clean machinery.

The order goes into effect Jan. 17, but would be

Mr. Kantor estimated that the reduction would trim China's exports by up to \$1.2 bil-

Jeffrey J. Schott, a trade expert with the Institute for International Economies, said Chi-

U.S. action because it could parcel out its

textile exports while conducting fresh negotia-

tions. If exports are speeded up, the quota will

be filled quickly, but if they are slowed, it will

Nevertheless, he said, the U.S. announce

ment "puts the Chinese on notice."

President Bill Clinton, he said, wants to show

members of Congress who are concerned about

renewing China's favored trading status that

Beijing is willing to begin "a pattern of con-

Given the facts of Treasury Secretary Lloyd

Bentsen's visit to Beijing later this month and the recent meeting between Mr. Clinton and President Jiang Zemin of China, the textile

issue "will not, in and of itself, blow up into a

Textile negotiations between China and the

United States broke off last month when China

turned down American demands for tougher

controls and penalties on transshipments.

There were four sessions over the past nine months, and U.S. officials said China rejected

shipment damages our workers and industry and violates China's international commit-

An aide to Mr. Kantor said that if an agree-

ment could be reached with the Chinese, the quota cuts could be adjusted. She said that talks

Since 1988, China's exports of textile and

clothing to the United States have more than

doubled, from \$2.2 billion that year to an esti-

See TEXTILES, Page 5

so far were in stalemate.

structive advances" in trade relations.

major confrontation," Mr. Schott said.

But it is a serious issue," he added.

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made goods.

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How Best to Aid Russia? U.S. and IMF Disagree

White House Says Financial Backing For Yeltsin Should Be More 'Energetic'

By Alan Friedman International Herald Tribune

PARIS — As President Bill Clinton prepares for his first NATO and Moscow summit meetings, a behind-the-scenes fight has broken out, among Western government officials and economists over the strategy for disbussing as much as \$13 billion of Western aid for Russia through the International Monetary Fund.

After a period of disarray on the issue within After a period of disarray on the issue within the Clinton administration, sensor U.S. officials, as well as respected outsiders such as Gerald Corrigan, former president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, made clear in interviews that they were now pushing for speedier and to Russia, to bolster the position of President Boris N. Yeltsin and other Russian

Mr. Clinton's own view, which he has said he will express in Moscow, is that there needs to be more Russian reform as well as "more attempts. to build a safety net to deal with the conse-quences of reform." (Page 2)

Mr. Clinton, who will meet with Mr. Yelisin at the Kremlin next Thursday and Friday, arrives in Brussels on Sunday on a trip that will also include stops in Prague, Minsk and Gene-

Policymakers in Mr. Clinton's administra-tion, while avoiding direct criticism of the IMF, say they are eager to see more financial support for Mr. Yeltsin's government, partly to try to reduce the influence of Vladimir V. Zhurin-ovsky, the ultranationalist politician whose new parliamentary clout could threaten economic

reforms.

Serior U.S. officials contend that they are not trying to bully the IMF into relaxing its criteria for providing loans to Russia. But one U.S. policymaker said that "there should be some immediate support." for Russia and suggested the organization should not be so "doctrinaire" in the way it judged conditions for providing fresh money to Moscow. As the largest single shareholder, Washington has more influence than other IMF members.

A White House aide said Wednesday that the

A White House side said Wednesday that the IMF and the World Bank, its sister organization, "can be more effective in conveying assistance to Russia, perhaps in some fields be more

The normally apolitical IMF has been thrust to the center of the connoversy because it was asked last year to supply nearly half of the \$28.4 billion Russian aid package promised by the See IMF, Page 13

President's Trip Is On Despite Mother's Death

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton's trip to Europe starting this coming weekend is unlikely to be significantly affected by the death of his mother, the White House said Thursday.

"I don't think that will change much," said Dee Dee Myers, the White House press secretary. "There's been no change in the sched-

Funeral arrangements for Virginia Kelley, who died in her sleep early Thursday morn-ing, were incomplete.

Mr. Cinton is scheduled to leave Washington late Samulay on an eight-day trip to Brussels, Prague, Moscow, as well as Minsk,

in Belarus, and Geneva. Her fondness for nightlife and betting on horses made Mrs. Kelley a colorful sidelight throughout her son's cureer. Obinuary, Page 3.

MOURNING AS SHELLS FALL - Lejla Dragnic, whose twin sister and five other family members were killed by Serbian shelling of Sarajevo, being conforted Thursday at their gravesite anid a thunderous bombardment. In Washington, a U.S. official said Warren Zimmermann, an ex-ambassador to Yugoslavia, was resigning from the foreign service to protest U.S. policy. Page 2.

Clinton's Domestic Theme Sells New European Role

WASHINGTON The security of the United States remains directly inked in the domain and democracy in Europe and in particular and democracy in Europe and in particular and in p lar to the stability of Eastern Europe, Vice. President Al Gore said Thursday.

in a speech aimed at both Americans and East Europeans still fearful of Russian intentions, Mr. Gore spoke for President Bill Clinton when he declared and repeated for emphasis. The security of the states that he between Western Europe and Russia affects the security

But Mr. Gore provided no more concrete security guarantees than are already contemplated in the the forthcoming Partnership for Peace, in which East European and former Soviet republics will be offered a cooperative link to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Mr. Gore's speech, delivered in Milwankee, was to have been given by Mr. Clinton himself, but the president had to cancel after his mother's death earlier in the day.

The Partnership for Peace is designed to offer the former Communist states "the confidence that they can integrate into the West rather

H is far from clear whether that confidence will be significantly enhanced by Mr. Clinton's trip to Europe next week, but Mr. Gore made it clear that the president would seek in a variety of ways to calm the fears of Russian revanchis among the leaders of such nations as Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia. "The success of these new democracies," Mr.

Gore declared, "is important to our nation and our security. We must help them succeed.

We didn't spend years supporting Solidarity just to lose democracy in Poland. We didn't celebrate the Velvet Resolution in Czechoslovakia just to see that birth of freedom die from We prevailed in the Cold War for their sake

and ours. And now we must prevail for their sake and ours in building a broader democratic peace throughout Europe." In his first official trip to Europe, Mr. Clin-

ton will attend a NATO summit meeting in Brussels starting Monday and later travel to Moscow, Prague, Geneva and the Belarus capi-

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NATO Clears Way for Massive Changes

With New Structure, a Role for Ex-Warsaw Pact Nations

By Steven Greenhouse New York Times Sernal

WASHINGTON - NATO officials have removed the final barriers to a U.S.-backed proposal that would change the military alliance's command structure to make it easier for NATO and former Warsaw Pact troops to combine forces to defuse crises inside and outside Europe.

The plan calls for establishing multinational task forces of NATO and non-NATO troops that would conduct joint military exercises and be ready to move quickly on peacekeeping or

In interviews Wednesday, NATO officials said France had abandoned its last objections to the plan, paving the way for President Bill Clinton and other leaders of the North Atlantic

Treaty Organization to approve it when they meet in Brussels next week.

The Clinton administration has supported the plan because it furthers its goal of shifting some of the alliance's defense burden to Europe, Also, it will give European nations more rope, Also, it will give European nations more flexibility and resources to police their own backyard.

Under the plan, European nations in NATO could use European troops and NATO re-sources, like radar and intelligence reports, to try to defuse conflicts in the region while U.S. troops remained out of the mission.

A U.S. official at NATO headquarters said the plan "provides a vehicle that enhances burden sharing by allowing the European members of the alliance to make use of existing NATO command structures and assets to conduct op-

erations in which the United States would not

choose to be involved." The Clinton administration supports the plan because it discourages the Europeans from setting up a separate multinational force outside the NATO structure — an idea that made Washington uneasy because it would reduce

U.S. influence in Europe. The Bush administration opposed the plan, believing that it would reduce the U.S. role in

NATO officials said Wednesday that the new structure would create "combined joint task forces" involving troops from different

branches of the armed services and from differ-For example, a joint task force might include

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Top Research Center Accuses Bundesbank of Prolonging Recession

By Brandon Mitchener alonal Reraid Tribune

FRANKFURT - As evidence grows that Germany is headed for a double-dip reces one of its leading research institutes accused the Bundesbank on Thursday of prolonging the economic misery and exporting it all across

Cutting interest rates swiftly to feed growth, "the United States drew the right monetary policy consequences from its recession," the

Research said in a bleak New Year's forecast. In Europe, by contrast, it added, monetary authorities have made the recession "signifi-

cantly longer and deeper" than necessary.

Its target was the German central bank, which effectively sets monetary policy for Western Europe. The German economy is the

Continent's largest.

But the Bundesbank, which left German interest rates unchanged Thursday in its first board meeting of the year, dismissed the criti-

Berlin-based German Institute for Economic cism and said it was proceeding cantiously to maintain markets trust in its inflation-fighting

Hans Tiermeyer, the Bundesbank president, said late Thursday that the Bundesbank was more concerned with avoiding a rise in longterm interest rates than in "forcing" a decline in short-term rates. "Given the situation as we see it, we don't want any change in our policies in the immediate future." he told foreign journalists in Frankfirit, citing the Bundesbank's decision to leave its key market rate washened for sion to leave its key market rate unchanged for

Metals Firm Beset handling of the economy.

Metallgesellschaft AG, a major German company, revealed massive new losses and said it would go bankrupt if its bank creditors did not bail it out (Page 11)

the next two weeks. "We're driving straight The government also came under fire Thurs-

y when its economics minister, Gimter Rexrodt, lashed out at Chancellor Helmut Kohl's

Mr. Rexrodt is a member of the Free Democratic Party, which shares power with Mr. Kohl's Christian Democrats. He called his sonior partners "paralyzed, defensive and fear-ful" in the face of spiraling budget deficits and overregulation choking the economy. They are divided among themselves, blind

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the latest American invitation to resume discus-Transshipment controls have been accepted by 16 other nations that trade with the United States, Mr. Kantor's office said. "Clearly," Mr. Kantor said, "textile trans-

Study Doubts Value of Tests For Cholesterol

LONDON - A British-American research team says that measuring cholesterol levels in blood is not a reliable method of predicting

A 12-year study showed that up to 75 percent of heart disease deaths in Britain would not be predicted successfully by cholesterol levels. People could receive false assurances through screening, the researchers added in an article in the British medical journal The Lancet.

"The results are disappointing," said Nicholas Wald of the University of London, one of the authors of the study.

Dr. Wald said the problem with screening was that it was not sufficiently discriminating. "The reason is that there is too little variation between people in our population," he said.
"Most adults have cholesterol and blood pressure levels that are too high. It is better to concentrate resources on improving our diet and reducing smoking in the population as a

whole than to screen individuals The study covered 21,500 men without known heart disease who attended a private medical clinic in London.

40 Die in Attack on Togo Army Base

LOME, Togo (Renters) — At least 40 people died in fighting in Togo's capital. Lome, after more than 100 men attacked an army base where President Gnassingbe Eyademe has a residence, the country's defense

minister said Thursday.

The minister, Incussa Bourama, said 30 attackers, seven members of the security. forces and three civilians had been killed during and after Wednesday night's attack. Several people were wounded and 35 attackers were taken presoner.

North Korea hasn't budged on inspections of 2 nuclear sites, a U.S. aide said. Page 5.

General Eyadema was not at the base at the time of the attack, the government said. Officials placed a nighttime confew on Lorde on Wednesday might and closed the West African country's borders. Residents said sporadic shooting could be heard in the western half of the capital Thursday after-

Officials said the attackers had crossed into Lome from Ghana, about one kilometer

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WATTING FOR PEACE — Prime Minister Vitzhak Rabin, visiting the Allenby Bridge crossing with Jordan on Thursday. As Israel and PLO said they would restart talks, he played down the problem of deadlines. On Friday, Israel will free 100 Palestinians. Page 4.

Clinton to Yeltsin: Intensify Reforms, Aid Will Ease Pain

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — After a long internal debate on America's Russia policy, President Bill Clinton plans to go to Moscow next week urging continued tough economic reforms but with some new ideas about how Western aid can be used to retrain Russian workers and cushion those left unemployed by economic changes, according to of-

Administration officials said Wednesday that they were still thrashing out what sort of programs they might propose, as well as whether Washington should lead by example and eventually add more money to the Western aid

But at a meeting with newspaper columnists, Mr. Clinton left little doubt about where he stood on the question of whether the strong showing by ultranationalists in elections last month meant that the West should urge a slower pace of reform in Russia. He said he would tell President

Boris N. Yeltsin that Russia needs more reform - not less - but also more Western help to ease the po-

"I am going to Russia to reaffirm the support of the United States, both for democracy and for reform," Mr. Clinton said.

The president also spoke in de-tail about the future of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and U.S. relations with Eastern Europe. Mr. Clinton devoted his open

statement to an attempt to assure Eastern Europe of continued American support, despite Washington's opposition to immediate NATO membership for Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic. He defended the American plan for only limited military partner-

ships between those countries and NATO, saying there was no con-sensus in the alliance to do anything further right now, and hinted that Washington was acting at least in part in response to an appeal by Mr. Yeltsin not to isolate Russia. "What I hope we can do is to

develop a policy toward Europe as a whole," Mr. Clinton said, "a poli-cy which supports political and economic and strategic integration, viding lines in Europe. The president said NATO was

reaching out in a limited way to the East European countries because "we don't want them to feel threatened by an eastward pull anymore, but neither do we want to prejudge the future intentions and policies of Russia and other countries in the newly independent states, and especially Ukraine."

He said he believed that Russia and the other former Soviet repub-lics appreciated this cautious, stepby-step NATO approach, because they do not want to be condemned forever to the status of enemies.

Mr. Chinton said he would also use his talks with West European allies at the NATO summit meeting to try to press them to open up their markets more to Eastern Europe, where industries are withering for lack of nearby customers.
"I think the United States ought

to set a good example so that we can make as forceful an argument as possible that the Europeans ought to trade more with them," he

Since militant nationalists and Communists made a surprisingly strong showing in last month's Russian elections, Clinton administration officials have been reconsidering America's approach to the North Atlantic Treaty Organi-Russian aid — with some seeming to hint that maybe the West should ease up on its demands for Russian

In recent days, though, economic experts within the administration, particularly Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, have been arguing that what Russia needs now is to

intensify its reform efforts. But, they added, that reform must be better cushioned - to avoid the sort of political reaction imessed in the recent elections by better helping pensioners and government workers who will be

The basic idea, officials said, is



By Thomas L. Friedman to ease some of the social fallout from the closing of inefficient state-run Russian industries by providing help for these groups of workers, rather than relying on more generalized subsidies and credits to the government that could miss the mark and only run up the deficit.

In a speech to economists in Bos-ton on Monday, Lawrence Sumsury for international affairs alluded to this evolving strategy.

He said it would be "a grave mistake," to think that there was

ing with Russian aid — a way that would make for painless reforms. Mr. Summers said "there is no viable alternative to the hard work of economic stabilization." He added, though, that while encour-aging that hard work the United States and the West had to ensure that their bilateral and multilateral

But how will the administration go about this? In part, Mr. Clinton will go to Moscow go to Moscow carrying some new ideas, in part he will want to hear ideas from Mr. Yeltsin, and in part the president and Treasury officials plan an intensive round of discussions with other members of the Group of Seven major industrialized democracies on whether they should give new directives, and possibly new money, to the interna-tional financial institutions work-



An officer telling his wife good-bye in Ryazau, Russia. His battalion has peacekeeping duty in Serbia.

'Stay Home and Play Sax,' Zhirinovsky Chides

By Lee Hockstader

Washington Post Service

MOSCOW — Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, the extremist who has threatened war with Germany and Japan and insulted a growing list of world leaders, heaped sarcasm on Bill Clinton on Thursday, saying the president was "afraid" of meeting with him in Moscow

"The American president, big deal," Inter-lax quoted him as saying, "Shame on this president. Let him stay at home and play his saxophone over there rather than come here and meet with God knows whom."

Mr. Clinton, who is scheduled to hold three days of talks in Moscow next week, has said he will not meet Mr. Zhirinovsky, whose views are considered racist and fascist by most of his opponents. In an effort to isolate him, Mr. Clinton is planning to meet with a wide range of opposition leaders in Moscow —including Communists and their rural kin, the Agrarians — but not with anyone from Mr. Zhirinovsky's Liberal Democratic Party.

But in seeking to isolate Mr. Zhirinovsky there is a risk that Mr. Clinton may only

generate more publicity for the man whose party collected 22.8 percent of the vote in the December elections. Mr. Zhirinovsky's party will have about one seventh of the 450 seats in

the lower house of the Russian legislature. The legislature is scheduled to begin meeting Monday, the day before Mr. Clinton's arrival. Mr. Clinton is not now planning an address to the body durng his visit.

Mr. Zhirinovsky, whose party's success in

Russia's legislative elections last month surprised many, said Mr. Clinton was "afraid of "Tell the president that Russia has only

one party, the Liberal Democratic Party of Russia," Mr. Zhirinovsky said. "There are no others. The rest is a lie." He added that by showing support for President Boris N. Yeltsin, "Clinton is wag-

Mr. Zhirinovsky spoke when he collected his identification card as a member of the legislature representing Shchelkovo, a central Russian town where he won his parliamenta-

He displayed his parliamentary card and

proclaimed, "My next ID card will be that of the Russian president."

the legislature's Foreign Affairs Committee as well as Russia's next foreign minister. "If the president of Russia does not give his consent for this, he will be making a political mistake" he said.

In the same appearance, he threatened Ja-pan with war if Tokyo did not accept a peace treaty ending World War II. Since the con-flict ended in 1945, the Japanese have never signed a peace pact with Russia because of objections to Russia's presence on the Kmil islands, which Tokyo regards as Japanese

"If you say no" to a treaty giving up the Kurils "it will mean that you want war," he told a Japanese journalist. "O.K., let's make war. Tomorrow the Russian Pacific Fleet will blockade the Japanese islands and you will

"You will not receive the Kuril Islands. Nobody will receive one meter of Russian

He also said he would become chairman of

Reporters who witnessed the, fighting on Thursday in Sarajevo said it was the heaviest in many weeks so close to the city center. Although much of the artillery fire has been directed at frontline positions, hundreds of rounds have hit civilian areas in the city. Despite the bombardment

friends and relatives gathered to bury six family members who were killed by a single shell blast as they sat down for a meal on Tuesday. "Does anybody in the world care

Czechs Opt to Act Alone on NATO Issue

led by Our Staff From Dis PRAGUE - Efforts by some years ago. East European nations to forge a united request for early NATO membership faltered Thursday when the Czechs indicated they preferred to do their own negotiating with the West.

"We do not like organizing of pressure groups," Foreign Minister Josef Zieleniec of the Czech Republic said.

Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and the Czech Republic had been expected to act together in pressuring zation for membership as an extension of their Visegrad economic alliance, named for the Hungarian four, it wanted to maintain politi-

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six Western European NATO

members along with Poland and

Hungary — and some officials said

that Russia might also be able to

NATO officials said that if the

proposal is approved at the summit

meeting next week, alliance plan-ners will begin drawing up its de-

U.S. and NATO officials see

The Czech government has been criticized by its three Visegrad partners, especially Poland, for largely accepting the U.S.-spon-sored Partnership for Peace, which they say falls well short of the security guarantees needed to ensure

regional stability.
"We welcome the project, but we do not consider it ideal," Mr. Zieleniec said. "We expect a declaration that NATO is an open alli-

erument favored continued work on a free trade zone and economic integration among the Visegrad

members grant them immediate

forts begun by the Bush adminis-

ways to make NATO more respon-

In many ways, the plan caps ef-

membership in the alliance.

participant

He said that while the Czech gov-

clear that they were satisfied, in the short term, with European security

Diplomats said the East European countries were coming around to the view that the Partnership plan was better than nothing and that opposing it would yield little

vakia said Thursday that his country appreciated the Partnership initiative and wanted to be an active In Warsaw, Foreign Minister Andrzej Olechowski of Poland said

his country supported the aim of the U.S.-promoted plan while seeking a greater commitment to letting are scheduled to meet in Warsaw

arrangements that included both Russia and the Ukraine, which bor-While the four countries share the ultimate objective of full President Michal Kovac of Slo-

NATO membership, they appear to be at odds on how to achieve it. The Slovak president suggested that NATO membership should be granted to all four Visegrad countries at the same time, an idea that received a chilly reception from the

the chief U.S. representative to the United Nations, Madeleine K. Albright visited the site of a mass grave near Vukovar in eastern Cro-East European defense ministers

former Warsaw Pact members join on Friday to discuss NATO and other issues. (AP, Reuters) NATO: New Structure, New Roles POLICY: Domestic Rationale

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ing that the alliance's slow, clumsy "The message of the president's The most immediate allusion response in Bosnia was due in part trip is very simply this," Mr. Gore was to Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky. to NATO's inflexible structure.

Even though some NATO counties might not take part in a specifier well. We must work with other national structure whose highly nationalistic Liberal bome, we must engage abroad as Democratic Party scored strongly in Russian parliamentary elections.

ic task force action, the North At- tions to get the world's economy last month lantic Council would have to growing and open foreign marapprove such an action. The plan helps satisfy a desire

and other East European leaders nations for Europe to establish a Russia, a threat that the leaders of have urged instead that NATO more independent defense identity. Eastern Europe and the Baltics are

tration two years ago to develop domestic grounds.

President Lech Walesa of Poland among France and other European mize the threat of nationalism in

tal, Minsk. As is his practice, Mr. Clinton sought to justify the trip on

more flexible way of employing al-lied forces," one official said, add-ism.

The vice president did not mini-

citing in their bids for full NATO

"There is also a dark cloud on

WORLD BRIEFS

Panic Grips

Sarajevo as

Shells Fall

Like Rain

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovi-

na - Sarajevans cowered in fear

Thursday as a thunderous Serbian

bombardment drove people from

worst days since the beginning of

the aggression," the state-run Bos-nian radio reported. "The whole

city is under artillery fire from all

Saraievo's two hospitals reported

two dead and 42 wounded, includ-

ing a pregnant woman, and the toll

clearly was much higher. The known death toll in Sarajevo is at

After a morning of shelling, streets were virtually empty as pan-icked citizens stayed indoors, and

the crackle of machine-gun and

small arms fire sounded through

presidency were forbidden to leave their battered office building and prepared to spend the night there for the first time since the siege of

Sarajevo began almost 21 months

United Nations reports Thursday

that civilians are starving in Bositia.

of interrupting food supplies.
In the area of Kakani, many

villages have been found starving

from hunger," he said.
"We believe this is significant for a lot of villages all over Bosnia, not only in Muslim-held territory, but

also in Croat- and probably in Serb-held territories as well," he

Larry Hollingworth, a semior of-ficial of the UN High Commission-

Bosnia in November, and just un-

The fighting in Sarajevo came just a day after Croatian and Bosni-

an leaders met in Vienna for two days of peace talks. They pledged "firm efforts" to stop the war in

central Bosnia but stopped short of

Aid to War Crimes Panel

The United States announced

Thursday that it would provide \$25

responsible for war crimes in the

former Yugoslavia, The Washing-

ton Post reported from Ovcar, Cro-

Ex-U.S. Envoy

Ouits in Protest

The Associated Press

Zimmermann, a former U.S.

ambassador to Yugoslavia, is

resigning from the foreign ser-

vice in protest of U.S. policy in

Bosnia and other aspects of for-

eign policy, a government offi-cial said Thursday,

Mr. Zimmermann, director of the Office of Refugee Affairs, is the fifth State Depart-

ment official to quit for reasons

related to Bosnia policy in the last 17 months, and by far the

He made known his decision

in a letter to Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, said

the official, who asked not to be

WASHINGTON - Warren

The announcement came after

ordering a new cease-fire.

der 18 percent in December.

"Some children are very close to

said at news conference.

starvation." he added.

The shelling overshadowed

Employees of the Bosnian state

Serbian positions around it."

35 since Jan. 1.

ago, officials said.

For Sarajevo, this is one of the

the streets and their jobs.

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UN Wants 15,000 Troops in Somalia

UNITED NATIONS, New York (Remers) - Secretary General Butros UNITED NATIONS, New York (Renters) — Secretary General Butros
Butros Ghali, will recommend that a reduced force of at least 15,000 troops
stay in Somalia after the United States withdraws and that Mogadishn be
bypassed as much as possible, a senior UN official said Thursday.
But a report due to be presented to the Security Council within a week
will make it clear that offices of even 15,000 troops, mainly from African
nations, are precarious because of look of money to the look than

nations, are precarious because of lack of money to pay for them.

Pakistan and India, part of the current 28,000-member force in Somalia, have promised to stay on, while Zimbabwe, Uganda, Nigeria, Mosocco, Tunisia and Egypt are waiting to see if funds are available:

Shevardnadze Plays Down Foe's Fate

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — The Georgian leader, Eduard A. Shevard-nadze, on Thursday shrugged off reports of the death of his arch-rival. saying that the fate of the rebel leader Zviad K. Gamsakhurdia was as a

matter of "small importance" for the country.

Mr. Shevardnadze did not express any emotion over the reported suicide of Mr. Gamsakhurdia, the former president, although he said he would prefer Gamsakhurdia to be alive. "In any event, Mr. Gamsakhurdia to be alive."

would prefer Camsakhurdia to be airve. In any event, Mr. Gamsakhurdia "has long been a political corpse," the Russian press agency Itar-Tass quoted Mr. Shevardnadze as saying.

Mr. Gamsakhurdia, who was deposed in January 1992, led a rebellion aimed at unseating Mr. Shevardnadze and regaining the presidency. Mr. Gamsakhurdia's wife said Wednesday that he had killed himself after being supremeded by being surrounded by government forces in western Georgia. But Georgian officials suggested he was shot in a quarrel with his supporters, and Mr. Shevardnadze's spokesman said the government had no clear proof of Mr. Gamsakhurdia's death.

German Envoy Held on Spy Charge

KARLSRUHF Germany (Reuters) - A German ambassador ha

been arrested on suspicion of spying for East Germany during the Cold War, the federal public prosecutor said Thursday.

The prosecutor's office identified the diplomat only as Rainer M., "German ambassador in a black African state." Bild Zeitung newspaper said the suspect was Rainer Miller, ambassador to Gabon. The statement accused the suspect, who was arrested on Wednesday, of having been a secret agent for East Berlin's Ministry for State Security starting in the 1970s. "After entering higher diplomatic service in 1980 the accused held functions at the consulate in Rio de Janeiro, the German

A UN military spokesman, Major Idesbald van Biesebrock, said all Embassy in Senegal and the Foreign Ministry in Bonn," it said. warring parties were equally guilty Jets Bomb Rebels in Old Kabul Fort

KABUL (Reuters) - Government jets bombed the ancient Bala Hissar fort Thursday in an effort to destroy the headquarters of the ex-Communist militia battling to depose President Burhanuddin Rabbani. Infantry battles also raged in the capital between government forces and fighters loyal to the northern warlord General Abdul Rashid Dustam, and the two sides exchanged rocket and artillery fire for a sixth day.

Much of the fort was in rubble, but the commander of General Dustam's Minch to the first was in indicate, out the continuation of obtained and forces in Kabul was defiant, saying in an interview at the headquarters that heavy bombing of the city would begin after civilian evacuations.

Iranian diplomats tried for the second day to mediate a cease-fire. An official of the International Committee of the Red Cross said more than 3,000 people had been wounded since fighting broke out on New Year's Day. Hundreds are feared dead; there are no precise figures.

er for Refugees, said the agency had managed to deliver only 10 percent of food needed in central Japan to Overhaul Military Doctrine

TOKYO (Reuters) — Japan will soon overhand its basic military doctrine, which dates from the height of the Cold War, and redefine roles for the armed forces, a Defense Ministry spokesman said Thursday.

Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa said last week he would summon a panel this year to redefine the roles and capabilities of the services. The ministry spokesman said it was not clear when the panel would be named and when it would meet, but coalition officials said not before July. The new doctrine could include plans for shooting down ballistic missiles, some ministry officials said. Tokyo has been deeply worried about North Korea's tests of hallistic missiles capable of hitting Japan. Officials said army strength would probably remain the same at 150,000.

Attacker Clubs U.S. Skating Champ

DETROIT (AP) -- Nancy Kerrigan, the U.S. figure skating champion, was attacked Thursday by a man who hit her on the leg with a metal bar.

The assailant escaped. Miss Kerrigan was treated at a hospital and

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Miss Kerngan was leaving the ice after practice when a man ran up behind her and hit her several times on the right knee with what a witness thought was a crowbar or tire iron. She dropped to the ground, screaming, "It hurts so bad, it hurts so bad," the witness said.

For the Record

or have nightmares because of what happened to us?" cried Maja Drag-nic, 16, one of the few surviving relatives. South African police have arrested two alleged black guernilas near the Transker homeland on suspicion of involvement in the sl women and a man in a Cape Town bar, Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel said Thursday they were confirmed members of the Azanian People's Liberation Army.

million and make available investi-Most shows remained short in Yemeni cities for the second day Thursday gators, prosecutors and other perfollowing demonstrations against high prices and a sharp drop in the somel to the special UN tribunal value of the local currency. that has been set up to try those

Roman Herzog, the chief of Germany's highest court, moved an important step closer Thursday to becoming the conservative candidate for president. Mr. Herzog, 59, got Chancellor Helmut Kohl's endorsement, Finance Minister Theo Waigel said. He said his Bavarian Christian Social Union and Mr. Kohl's Christian Democratic Union would back the president of the Constitutional Court to succeed Richard von Weiz-

TRAVEL UPDATE

Most U.S. airlines began offering lower fares in an effort to increase traffic during the slow winter season, but the cuts followed an increase that went into effect a week ago. Northwest Airlines began the cuts and was followed by almost all major carriers. The deepest discounts range to 45 percent for travel between Jan. 18 and Feb. 16, with lesser discounts between Feb. 17 and April 15. Travelers have only until Tuesday in which to buy tickets. But airlines sometimes extend the date of sales. (WP)

China raised air lares about 50 percent to make up losses caused by the devaluation of its currency on Jan. 1, the China Daily said Wednesday. Passengers who still have the special foreigners' currency — Foreign Exchange Certificates, or FECs, which will be phased out under currency reform - can pay the old fares.

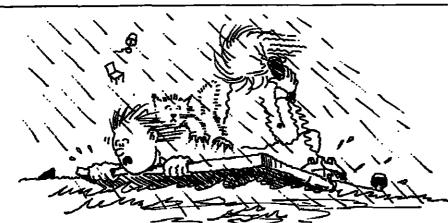
A special Miami tourist police squad will, in the spring, begin patrolling the airport area, a zone filled with rental car agencies and hotels that has become notorious for crimes against visitors.

Philippine Airlines has flown with a crew of women for the first time, airline officials said Thursday in Manila. Captain Aimee Carandang the country's first Iemale commercial pilot, who has logged more than 2,900 flying hours, flew the 54-seat, Fokker 50 on a regular flight Tuesday from Mamila to Cebu. (Reuters)

Queen Elizabeth II will lead a flotilla of warships and small craft to the beaches of Normandy in June to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the D-Day landings, Prime Minister John Major said Thursday. The queen will be accompanied by the heads of state of some of the Allies in World War II on her voyage, including Presidents Bill Clinton and François Mitterrand, he said.

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Europe's horizon," Mr. Gore said. He described it as "fiery nationalto crises. was that Europe matters to Ameri"The plan institutionalizes a ca, and the United States must not eled by economic frustration, ism, ignited by old resentments, fufanned by self-serving dema-

> The most immediate allusion in Russian parliamentary elections

> "It is our duty to condemn the voices of racism and intolerant na-tionalism wherever such voices are heard," Mr. Gore said.

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Medical Group at Odds With its Lobbyists

WASHINGTON - The political arm of the American Medical Association gives more money, on average, to congressional candidates who oppose the group's positions on important public health issues than to those who support such positions, a new report says.

The report, published Thursday in The New England Journal of Medicine, concludes that the political action committee affiliated with the association "contributed more frequently and more heavily" to conservative lawmakers, despite the fact that they often

and federal restrictions on abortion counseling. Dr. Steven S. Sharfstein, an anthor of the report, said the committee, known as Ampac, "inadvertently undermines the public health agenda of the AMA."

opposed the association's positions on issues like tobacco exports

In giving money to members of Congress, Mr. Sharfstein said, Ampac emphasizes the economic concerns of physicians more than the excellent public health stands of the AMA itself."

From 1989 to 1992, the study said, the political arm of the association contributed an average of \$13,270 to members of the House of Representatives who opposed the association on three major votes, while "members who sided with the AMA on all three

votes received an average contribution of \$8,800."

James S. Todd, executive vice president of the association, said that while the findings were interesting, "no credible conclusions" could be drawn because the study was too narrowly focused and did not consider the full range of the association's lobbying and public affairs activities.

New Battle Looms for Budget Amendment

WASHINGTON - Another showdown is set in the long-running drama over an amendment to the constitution that would require a balanced budget. This time, however, President Bill Clinton will weigh in against it with a powerful new argument: Health care reform cannot be achieved if lawmakers must limit spending to match revenues each year as such an amendment would require Proponents appear to have momentum in both the House and the Senate, which must each approve the amendment by a two-thirds

vote to send it on to state legislatures for final consideration. In the Senate, which is expected to vote Feb. 22, advocates claim 60 of the 67 votes they need. Only 20 senators have voiced their

The remaining 20 undecided senators will be under pressure from both camps. This time, unlike efforts to pass a balanced-budget amendment in 1982, 1986 and 1992, the White House will be using

its influence against the proposal.

The president favors balancing the budget in principle, but has warned that to do so with an amendment is to use a blunt instrument that would require huge tax increases, enormous reductions in Social Security benefits and "major cuts in Medicare and Medicaid that would make it impossible to pass meaningful health reform legisla(LAT)

Clearing the Air on Ex-President's Health

ROCHESTER, Minnesota — Despite being shot and having two potentially serious medical conditions, Rouald Reagan was in good health while he served as president, according to medical records. The records were released Wednesday and are summarized in the Journal of the American College of Surgeons by Oliver H. Beahrs of the Mayo Clinic. Dr. Beahrs has been a medical consultant to Mr.

Reagan since 1986 and is a longtime friend of Nancy Reagan's. The journal was edited for 44 years by Mrs. Reagan's father, Loyal Davis. Much of the information has been revealed before, Dr. Beahrs said, but he and the Reagans wanted the details released to break from a historical course of covering up former presidents' medical

Quote/Unquote

Bob Dole, the Senate Republican leader, on the death of Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., the former Democratic representative and House leader: "Tip O'Neill was the congressman's congressman and pro-vided great leadership as speaker of the House of Representatives, and certainly will go down in American history as one of the great political leaders of our time. I consider him one of my best friends in all the time I've been in Congress."

Special Counsel Possible, Reno Says

By Michael Isikoff

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Attorney General Janet Reno suggested Thursday that she would seek court appointment of an independent counsel to investigate Bill Clinton's involvement in Whitewater Development Corp. if Congress, as expected, approves legislation soon to reauthorize the independent counsel statute.

Amid numerous calls for Ms. Reno to appoint a special prosecutor on her own, the attorney general reaffirmed her refusal to do so now, saying at a news conference that such a move "simply doesn't make sense" at the moment because Congress appeared to be on the verge of re-enacting the independent counsel

Depending on the precise wording of the statute, she said. "There might be the possibility for me to petition the court for the appointment of an independent counsel" in the Whitewater affair. But bringing in a special prosecutor now, she added, would only cause "disruption and delay" in the ongoing Justice Department investigation into the matter, especially since the courts may soon be empowered to appoint "even a third person."

Although Mr. Reno declined repeatedly Thursday to commit herself to seeking such an appointment, it was the first time she publicly suggested size would use a new independent counsel law to launch an independent probe. Bill and Hillary Clinton were partners in the

Whitewater real estate development plan in Arkansas with James McDougal, a political backer, and his wife. Mr. McDougal was the owner of a failed savings and loan that came under investigation by the federal anthorities. Ms. Reno's comments suggested that she was

seeking to send a signal to members of Con-

gress and the White House on what has become

a sensitive issue within the administration. Pressure for the appointment of an independent counsel was building Thursday in the wake of new disclosures that a lawyer for Mr. Clinton had discussed the wording of a subpoena for Whitewater-related documents with Justice Department lawyers late last month, shortly before a federal grand jury subpoena was served for the president's material on Dec. 24.

White House aides, who have refused to release these documents to the public, said that they had sought the subpoena to ensure that the

members of Congress. Federal law forbids unbefore a grand jury.

As related by White House and Justice De-partment officials, the president's lawyer, Da-vid Kendall, and Justice Department lawyers discussed the wording of the subpoena on Dec. 23. When the Justice Department informed Mr. Kendall that they already had a draft subpoena for the Whitewater documents, Mr. Clinton's lawyer then suggested that it be even broader. This had the effect of protecting more material from public disclosure.

The sketchy accounts of the talks prompted Republicans to charge that the Justice Department was being used to serve the president's political interests by placing a lid over the

The Senate Republican leader, Bob Dole of Kansas, said it was "unprecedented to have the White House and the Justice Department working together on a subpoena."

He added that Ms. Reno had "let the White House take over the investigation, which is a big big mistake on her part.

Ex-Business Partner Pleads Not Guilty to Embezzlement

By Howard Schneider

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - Susan McDougal, a partner of President Bill Clinton in an Arkansas real-estate venture, has been charged in California with embezzing nearly \$200,000 from the conductor Zubin Mehta and his wife, Nancy.

Mrs. McDougal pleaded not guilty last week in a Los Angeles court to forgery and grand-theft charges stemming from her employment as the Mehtas' personal bookkeeper from 1989 until July 1992. Mrs. McDougal was a part-owner of the Whitewater Development Corp. along with her former husband, James, and the Clintons.

A complaint filed by the Los Angeles District Attorney and a separate civil action brought by the Mehtas allege that Mrs. McDougal forged nearly 300 checks on the Mehtas' account to pay personal restaurant, hotel and other expenses. Following a brief arraignment, she was released on \$35,000 bond and allowed to return to her current home in Tennessee.

The charges are the latest bump in what has been a roller-coaster ride for Mrs. McDougal. During the early 1980s, she was well known in Arkansas as Jim McDougal's partner in the operation of his Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan, where she was a stockholder, board member and head of the thrift's marketing operation.

Mr. Clinton and his mother, Virginia Kelley, at an inaugural ball.

President's Mother, Virginia Kelley, Dies

HOT SPRINGS, Arkansas — Virginia Kelley, 70, President Bill Clinton's mother, died of breast

cancer Thursday.
Mrs. Kelley, a retired nurse anesthetist, dealt with adversity with a confidence that bordered on cockiness, and friends said Mr. Clinton, who idolized his mother, dealt with personal and political trouble by following her example.

She outlived three husbands, one

an abusive alcoholic. She lived apart from Bill, her oldest child, for two years early in his life while she furthered her education so she could "give him the best." She helped her only other child through drug addiction and prison.

With penciled eyebrows, a streak of white in her dark hair, and a passion for nightlife and betting on horses, Mrs. Kelley was a colorful

sidelight throughout her son's ca- After high school she went to part because of his alcoholism. He

cer in 1990, just before she started about four months before the fu-working for Mr. Clinton's re-election as governor. She underwent a tectomy and was campaignin five days later. Last year, she said she had a recurrence of cancer and tal, leaving her young son, Bill, was undergoing chemotherapy.

Clay Farrar, the son-in-law of Mrs. Kelley's current husband, said she had lunch with friends Wednesday "and literally, out of the blue, passed away in her sleep."

Mrs. Kelley was born Virginia
Cassidy in Bodcaw, a small com-

munity about 12 miles (19 kilometers) from Hope. Her parents ran a

never struck the children, but he reer. Of her critics, she said, "Those nursing school in Shreveport, Louidid hit his wife until his stepson put are the people who are used to siana, where she met and married women being shrinking violets." William Jefferson Blythe, a sales-She was first diagnosed with can-man. He died in a car accident

> Two years later, Mrs. Kelley moved to New Orleans to specialize in anesthesia at Charity Hospi-

> with her parents in Arkansas. "He deserved the best," she said. "I wanted to be able to give him the

In 1950, she married Roger Clinton, a car dealer from Hot Springs. It was a troubled marriage, in large

an end to it at age 14. Mrs. Kelley said young Bill broke up a quarrel by barging into his parents' bedroom and saying.

"Don't ever strike or lay a hand on my mother ever again. Not ever." Roger Clinton died of cancer in 1967. Her third husband, Jeff Dwire, a hairdresser, died of diabetes after about six years of mar-

She married a retired food broker, Richard Kelley, in 1982. They lived in a small lakeside home in Hot Springs.

Tip O'Neill, 81, Former Speaker of U.S. House

By Martin Tolchin

New York Times Service
Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill Jr., 81,
an unreconstructed New Deal liberal from Massachusetts who rose to become speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives for 10 years, died of cardiac arrest Wednesday night in Boston.

Republicans made Mr. O'Neill a target of their 1980 and 1982 cam-paigns, portraying him as a bloated old pol with outdated liberal ideas. itician and proud of it, a House ficials and considered him the ultispeaker comfortable with power.

An early opponent of the Viet-nam War, Mr. O'Neill took strong positions on many controversial issues. He was the congressional leader who pushed hardest for the impeachment of President Richard

Mr. O'Neill was the speaker from 1977 to 1987, during the pres-idencies of Jimmy Carter and Ron-

He was a large, generous spirited

man with a bulbous nose, yellowed forehead and an ever-present cigar.

To Mr. O'Neill, who spoke of the Democratic Party with near-religious fervor, it was the party of the cities, the working people, the poor, the needy, the unemployed, the sick and the disinherited.

Mr. O'Neill's speakership began ald Reagan, both of whom ran in January 1977, the month Mr.

they had in common was their par-ty. Mr. Carter had reached the White House as an outsider who disdained Washington insiders perwhite hair that flopped over his sonified by the gregarious speaker, forehead and an ever-present cigar, who had worked his way up from ward politics. In 1980, when the Republicans

won the White House and the Senate and cut deeply into the House Democratic majority, the speaker privately blamed Mr. Carter, beieving him inept.

From 1981 to 1987, Mr. O'Neill led the opposition to Mr. Reagan, a man with whom he shared an Irish heritage, an interest in sports and an outgoing personality.

But the two disagreed about government. Mr. O'Neill regarded government as the solution to social problems, as an agent of social change. Mr. Reagan regarded it as a problem in itself, interfering in the lives of Americans.

Mr. O'Neill was born in a work ing-class area of Cambridge. Massachusetts. His father was a Cambridge city councilman. His mother died when he was a child and his

father remarried. He picked up the nickname Tip from a baseball player, James Ed-ward O'Neill of the old St. Louis

Educated in Catholic schools Mr. O'Neill broke into politics at campaigning for Al Smith in his
 presidential campaign against Herbert Hoover. Four years later, he helped get out the vote for Franklin D. Roosevelt.

He was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1936, where he rose to speaker, and where he remained until 1952 when, he was elected to the U.S.

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Tackling Nuclear Mess Makes a Name for O'Leary

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary was in her office in November when Dan Reicher, a top aide, pulled her out of a meeting and told her he had

"I just found out about experi-ments you should know about," Mr. Reicher said. "People were injected with plutonium back in the 1940s. There's a newspaper in New Mexico that's about to lay out the

Recalling her reaction in an interview, Mrs. O'Leary said: "I said to him, 'Let's get it out. Just throw it on the pile.' It was another piece in our work to come clean."

"The pile." it turns out, was a project Mrs. O'Leary had started in May to begin declassifying millions of Cold War records from Energy Department archives. At a Dec. 7 news conference. Mrs. O'Leary made the project

public by disclosing some closely held secrets about the U.S. nuclear arsenal, such as the amount of plutonium the United States has produced since World War il. But it was Mrs. O'Leary's vow at the time to follow up a seven-yearold request from Congress and un-

Friends and colleagues said Mrs. O'Leary's actions illustrated the

Away From Politics

As the first black woman to head

the Energy Department, Mrs. O'Leary said she was always sensitive to government-sanctioned policies that were unjust or abusive. When she read in The Albuquerque Tribune how government doctors in the 1940s unwittingly exposed five Americans to plutonium with

out their full informed consent, she said, "It just hurt me." Among the subjects of the experiments was a 36-year-old railroad porter, Elmer Allen, whose injured left leg was amputated after it was injected with phytonium

Mrs. O'Leary said: "Mr. Allen appeared so utterly incapable of taking care of himself. My sense was nobody was looking out for Mr. Allen before the testing. He seemed like somebody who had been caught up in a giant machine Those are the people who ought to be protected by the government

from ourselves. She added: "I was stunned by what I read, and it was clear getting this out was the right thing to do. I

think that is the way this govern-ment is supposed to work." So far, many supporters and critics of the department agree that the investigation has been a triumph for Mrs. O'Leary and that it has dertake a thorough investigation of her department's human radiation produced political benefits for President Bill Clinton. As more exexperiments that caused the biggest periments were disclosed by news organizations, Mrs. O'Leary called on the government to compensate

melding of instinct and political acumen that have marked her long people who had been harmed. The White House, aware of the

• The release of a new policy on ground combat roles for women has

been halted by Defense Secretary Les Aspin because it is vague and might curb opportunities for them, military officials said. The policy could exclude women not only from frontline infantry, but also from

most jobs in combat engineering, field artillery, short-range air defense and other areas close to the battlefield, the officials said.

• A Reotist preacher faces criminal charges for allegedly plucking an 8-

year-old from a pew and tossing him to demonstrate how God will

pitch the devil into hell. The Reverend Anthony Dearinger, 32, pastor

of Hillsboro Independent Baptist Church in Scram City, Illinois.

Employers' costs of providing medical benefits held steady in 1992 for

the first time in more than a decade because of larger employee

contributions, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce reported. It said 1,100

companies that employ a total of 2.3 million workers spent \$3,504 per

Dr. Jack Kevorkian walked away free from his arraignment in Royal

Oak, Michigan, on a new charge of assisting suicide after supporters paid his \$100 bail. He promised not to take part in any more suicides

and must wear an electronic bracelet that monitors his whereabouts.

• A 42-year-old man who used an unlicensed gun to kill two teenagers

he said were robbing him at gunpoint in New York pleaded guilty in

state Supreme Court to a weapon possession charge, and the judge

pleaded not guilty to child endangerment, cruelty and battery.

employee, or 10.3 percent of payroll, on medical benefits.

said he would most likely sentence him to probation.

was attracting, then broadened the inquiry to include human experiments during the Cold War sponsored by the Public Health Service NASA, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the CIA and the Penta-

In just four weeks, Mrs. O'Leary had transformed herself from a rel-

'He seemed like been caught up in a giant machine.'

man who was injected

with plutonium.

ative unknown into a prominent "You can't do anything in this agency without trust and confidence," Mrs. O'Leary said in the interview. "But I had no idea that this would be as big a piece of building trust as it has. I thought a

narrow public would focus on it." She went on: "As the days have passed since Dec. 7, I've gotten it. I reason to be trusted.

By Keith Schneider career in government and the electrowing attention Mrs. O'Leavy loves but that is rare in Wash ministration officials say, occurred

> somebody who had **Energy Secretary Hazel** R. O'Leary, referring to a

understand what is going on here. The public, I hope, sees a pass which is alarming and appalling. In the long run, if we handle this well, that might help us to establish a

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federal rules for cleaning up and disposing of wastes, which Mrs. ton: a cabinet official, acting on gut instinct, stands up and takes a bold O'Leary said sharply increased costs while doing little to lower stand. At this stage, it also is politically easy, since the experiments the government is investigating ad-The post-Cold War era also has

saddled the Energy Department ears before Mr. Clinton took ofwith the equally daunting task of disarming the nuclear arsenal and dismantling highly contaminated But behind Mrs. O'Leary's concern for this corner of Cold War medical history lies a nest of other bomb factories, some of them projects planned by the Energy Deamong the largest concrete and stainless steel structures ever built. partment that carry far higher political price tags. One is a proposal To meet these goals. Mrs. O'Leary said, the administration is to establish a new nuclear waste storage site in Texas. Another proposing to establish at least one

It is no longer a secret that the Energy Department, which once was charged with building the world's most advanced atomic weaponry, was hardly a model of precision, tidiness or wholesome conduct. Decades of sloppy operating practices at the agency's netombig practices at the agency's netombig practices and laboraon British Publication tories in 12 states have left a landscape littered with radioactive

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new nuclear waste storage site at a plant near Amarillo, Texas, and

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department's credibility to begin solving these formidable problems.

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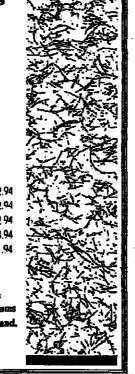
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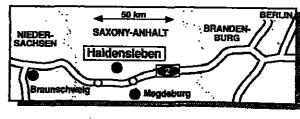
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JERUSALEM — Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization agreed Thursday to resume the stalled negotiations on carrying out Israel's military withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho, but a

final agreement appeared to be weeks away. In a joint statement by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Abu Mazen, a top aide to the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, the two sides announced plans to return to the bargaining table at the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Taba,

probably early next week.
[Meanwhile, Israel said it would release more than 100 Palestinian prisoners on Friday morning. Reuters reported. An army spokesman said all the prisoners were members of Palestinian groups that back the peace deal signed between Israel and PLO last September. All of them were due to finish their sentences by the end of January, he added.]

The announcement of a resumption of peace talks ended a dispute over the outcome of the last Israel-PLO meeting in Cairo.

Mr. Peres accused the Palestinians of backpedaling from a draft paper outlining compromises on such issues as control of the border crossings between Egypt, Jordan and the new Palestinian entity. But the Palestinians said

they had never agreed to the document. The two sides said they would now go back to the table on the basis of the Cairo "understandings" as well as the original "declaration of principles" negotiated secretly in Norway. The announcement also included a pledge by both sides that "once an agreement is made, it can-

not be changed unilaterally." The negotiations are aimed at paving the way for Israel to begin pulling troops out of Gaza and Jericho, a process that was supposed to

But Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin signaled Thursday that he would demand a complete resolution of all differences with the Palestinians even if future deadlines are missed.

"There are no sacred dates," Mr. Rabin said during a visit to the Allenby Bridge crossing between Jordan and the West Bank. "Every phase has to be negotiated, agreed, signed and only then be implemented."

He added: "I don't see any major problem in postponing. The dates are secondary to the purpose of the whole agreement."

Mr. Rabin issued another warning to the Palestinians not to try to reopen issues that have been settled at the table. If they did, he "We will not feel we are committed to what we said on certain issues."

A senior Israeli official said the talks would take several weeks or longer to conclude, be-cause of the complexity of the issues. The major outstanding disagreements include the mechan-ics of shared supervision of the border crossings, and the size and shape of the Palestinian enclave in Jericho.

Mr. Arafat has sought exclusive control of the border crossings as well as control over the

roads leading to them. Israeli news media disclosed this week that construction had already begun on a new Israeli bypass road around Jericho that would appear to circumscribe the new Palestinian entity on the east, denying the Palestinians control over a direct corridor to the Allenby Bridge.

The new bypass is designed to permit Israe-lis, destined for northern part of the Jordan Valley, to drive around Jericho. At present. they have to pass through the center of town. Since the abortive Dec. 12 meeting between

have started Dec. 13 and to be completed by Mr. Rabin and Mr. Arafat in Cairo, the two sides have held meetings in France, Norway

and Egypt in an effort to narrow differences. The negotiations next week are to be headed by a PLO negotiator, Nabil Shaath, and by Amnon Shahak, the deputy Israeli Army chief

Also Thursday, violence flared as a Palestinian stabbed an Israeli soldier in north Jerusalem, and was shot and killed by other soldiers. The assailant plunged a knife into the soldier, grabbed his gun and ran, the police said. He

was then slain by pursuing troops.

The authorities said they found a leaflet on the body of the Palestinian, who was a Gaza resident, saying he was a member of the mili-tant Islamic Jihad group, which opposes the peace accord.

■ Arafat Holds Line on Power

A leading Palestinian critic of Mr. Arafat's autocratic leadership of the PLO said Thursday that the chairman had rejected all demands for democratic reform in the movement, The Associated Press reported from Tunis.

"Chairman Arafat keeps the decision-making in his hand," said Haidar Abdul Shafi, the head of the Palestinian delegation at the 1991 Madrid peace conference.

He made his remarks after leading a group of seven dissidents from the Israeli-occupied terri-tories in two days of talks with Mr. Arafat. Their mission to PLO headquarters followed a chorus of attacks on Mr. Arafat's handling of

the peace process.

Last weekend, King Hussein of Jordan and Israeli leaders accused Mr. Arafat of reneging on promises during the negotiation process.

The Palestinian dissidents complain that Mr. Arafat is keeping too much authority for him-



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is free to nominate a successor. "If Protestants write to us," a spokesman said, "their opinions will be valued." The diocese's 18 canons will vote for a candidate, whose name will be sent to Pope John Paul II for confirmation. If the Pope rejects the name, the selection process begins anew. The procedure, which is without modern paral-

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duce a bill this month to limit smoking to designated areas in airplanes, on subways, in larger restaurants and at the workplace. He has support from about 40 other legislators, including Social Democrats and Free Demo-

Democratic Party plans to intro-

But smoking also has its vocal supporters in Germany. When Lufthansa, the national airline, hanned smoking on domestic

flights, it had to relent amid the

public outcry. And unlike in the

United States, it is rare for a

nonsmoker to berate someone for lighting up in public.

Scaffolding will cover the face of Paris's Notre Dame Cathedral through this year and part of 1995 as a restoration project, begun last year, moves to the 69-meter (225-foot) north and south towers and the upper parts of the facade. At the same time, a study will begin on repairing the intricately sculpted portals -- once multicolored against a gilt background, but now of unadorned stone. A stone-cutting atelier has been set up behind the apse of the cathedral, which dates from

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according to a survey by the Brit-ish Wind Energy Association. Nineteen wind farms in England and Wales met the electricity needs of 150,000 people last year. The British government recently extended into the next century a levy on nonfossil fuels that helps finance wind farm construction. A veterinary surgeon was sen-tenced to a year's hard labor in

Albania for naming cattle after prominent Communists in his village, an Albanian magazine said. Linia, a weekly published by an association of former political prisoners, said the case showed that political conditions had changed little since the fall of the Communist dictatorship in 1990. Bettino Craxi, the former Ital-

ian prime minister whose career was ruined by allegations of corruption, has suffered a new disgrace: the word craxismo is being removed from the dictionary.

Giancario Oli, editor of the prestigious dictionary Devoto-Oli said the era of craxismo -

which is a synonym for political decisiveness - was over. Mr. 1163. Only irreparable stones Craxi responded characteristically to Mr. Oh's excision, saying. "I think the imbecile who made the decision to remove the The cathedral will remain open word is as big an imbecile as the one who decided to include it."

Brian Knowlton

Crime Fight U.S. Travel Industry

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By Robert C. Siner

WASHINGTON - The U.S. travel industry, hard hit by public reaction to violent crimes against tourists, announced a safety campaign Thursday that would include information for travelers and a concentrated lobbying effort for the Clinton anti-crime bill, stronger gnu control and legislation that would make attack on tourists a

federal offense.
In outlining the campaign, industry officials stressed that no progress could be made without a partnership that includes the travel industry, "government at all levels and the traveling public itself."

At a news conference following a

meeting of representatives from government and all branches of the tourism industry, business officials said they would make safety information available under the heading

Travel Smart in the '90s." The campaign will make the case through statistics that despite wide-

spread publicity following violence against foreign tourists, travel in the United States is safe. According to Greg Farmer, who has been named to head the Commerce Department's United States

Travel and Tourism Administration, the chances of a tourist being the victim of violent crime in the United States are more than 1000

Dick Knodt, executive vice preswould also involve gathering safety information for travelers now pro-

vided by auto-rental agencies, air-lines and the hotel industry, and making it widely available to travel agents in all major languages.

Mr. Knodt said the travel industry had signed on to the Clinton

administration anti-crime package and also would lobby for state and local initiatives "that address both the causes and effects of crime in America."

Association added, "We have to do something about guns." The travel industry went on record supporting strong gnn-control legislation at all There was also support for the

Ken Hine of the Hotel and Motel

Traveler Protection Act introduced by Representative Neil Abercrombie, Democrat of Hawaii, which would make crimes against tourists a federal offense and give states and localities the option of asking for federal belp in solving and prosecuting these crimes.

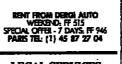
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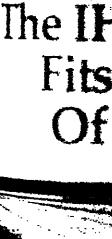
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North Korea Hasn't Budged On 2 Nuclear Sites, U.S. Says

By R. Jeffrey Smith

WASHINGTON — Washington is no closer now than it was early last year to winning North Korea's Korea's nuclear-related sites.

"I think there's been some confusion here," she said spections at two undeclared nuclear sites, according to a State Department official reporters. She said that Washington would make in the department's regularly scheduled briefing for a State Department official reporters. She said that Washington would make in the department washington would make in the department of the said that the said state in the said state.

moving them to a higher diplomatic level.

She also confirmed press reports that North Korea had agreed to another inspection of its seven declared nuclear facilities and said North Korean officials were expected to meet with the International Atomic Energy Agency in "the coming few days" to work out

details of the new inspection.

Discussing the long-running U.S. effort to styring North Korea's development of a nuclear arsenal on Wednesday, she said that North Korea had recently given Washington "reason to believe" it was prepared to renew a direct dialogue with South Korea about the creation of a modear-free Korean pennsula.

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In Seoul, Renters reported that President Kim Young Sain said Thursday that North Korea was beginning to show signs of changing its position on nuclear inspections but that the world should not be

["We can expect that real progress toward solving the issue will be made soon," Mr. Kim said at a news conference. "Of course, we must not become too

["I am not able to disclose details of what has been achieved so far in talks between the United States and North Korea," the South Korean president said. "But I can only say they are moving toward progress."]

Ms. Davis did not say how rapidly North Korea and
South Korea would renew their talks or exactly when

an inspection of the seven sites would begin. Referring to North Korea's promise to accept a new inspection and begin Korean talks, she said Washing-ton was "very close" to having accomplished the key demands it had spelled out as conditions for discussions between more senior diplomats. North Korea had sought such discussions as a forum for agreement on new economic and political ties with Washington.

Officials said her statement was meant to counter growing criticism of the administration's handling of

the talks with North Korea and rebut an impression that the administration had retreated from an insis-

Undersecretary of State Lynn E. Davis, who generally gave an upbeat assessment of talks between the our outstanding issues with respect to the nuclear two countries, acknowledged that they were close to understanding issues with respect to the nuclear agreement on some nuclear matters that would united States and the International Atomic Energy trigger widening the scope of their negotiations and Agency for additional inspections of both declared moving them to a bigher discovering issue. and undeclared modern facilities there.

President Bill Clinton, at a White House meeting with editorial writers and columnists Wednesday, also described as inaccurate any suggestion that the administration had retreated to accepting only a single new inspection. Other officials said the issue of more inspections had merely been deferred, not dropped.

Ms. Davis's remarks about a meeting soon between
officials of the inspection agency and North Korea

were at odds with an account given by David Kyd, spokesman for the UN agency in Vienna. He said that a North Korean official had been nuncommittel when the agency proposed Wednesday to convene talks immediately in Vienna about the new inspection, and predicted that the agency would not receive a formal reply from Pyongyang before

Saturday.

Also, U.S. officials said she had misspoken in telling reporters that Washington had made no decision about its terms for cancellation of a joint military.

Team Shirit exercise with South Korea, known as Team Spirit. North Korea has long demanded its cancellation, and Washington has given assurances that its cancellation will be announced when North Korea announces its readiness for another inspection and new talks with

Reports of the decision on the military exercise provoked Senator John S. McCain 3d, Republican of Arizona, to denounce the administration Wednesday

for giving up too much to get too little.

He said that canceling joint military exercises "for the sake of a single concession which is entirely inademate as a means of determining the extent of North Korea's nuclear weapons program is without a doubt

the worst signal the United States could send."
The U.S. position, Mr. McCain said, let North
Korea know in advance "the profits to be realized by
proliferation and saber rattling."

U.K. May Test China On Issue of New Airport

Agence France-Presse
HONG KONG — The colonial

government said Thursday that in the absence of an agreement with China it might proceed with plans to finish a \$21 billion airport, a move that would worsen relations between London and Beijing.

Financial Secretary Hamish McLood said the British administration would, in the near future, discuss with local bodies how to proceed with the project, which was sarted in 1991.

Mr. McLeod said, "Quite soon, we intend to go to both the Legislative Council committee dealing with the airport and to the Airport Consultative Committee, update them on the position as we see it in terms of both costs and timing, and have a dialogue with them on the best way forward." He said it was a "statement of

fact" that with an anticipated budget surplus this fiscal year, Hong Kong would have more money to spend on public works projects such as the new airport at Chek Lap Kok. "But that doesn't mean on that," he said. "We haven't." We are still awaiting a resolu-tion of the issue of financing, and specifically on the amount of li-quidity to inject," Mr. McLeod

China questions the expense of the project and has voiced concerns that Britain is using it to siphon money out of the colony prior to the transfer of sovereignty in 1997 by awarding the majority of the contracts to British companies.

Not only does China take a dim view of the expense, but it is adamant that Hong Kong's future gov-ernment not be saddled with large debts that would result from Britain's hopes of using international capital to finance a part of the project not paid for with extensive Hong Kong government reserves. The two sides cannot agree on a

definition of "large" or on anything else about the project, which has now become mired in the British-Chinese dispute over political re-

The new airport is one-third agreement or the approval of the Legislative Council for more money to be spent from government Pacific, is to arrive in Vietnam on ally financed highway projects. reserves. The latter route is certain Jan. 16 to check on the search They also cited a UN human to be a controversial move because teams' progress. He will be the rights report late last year of Iraq's mastreatment of marsh Arabs in the Covernor Chris Patter's critics highest-ranking U.S. military offing or selling consumer goods and participating in other cer to visit Vietnam since the war



WHERE THERES SMOKE - A woman hosing down the walls of the Wombat Park general store on Thursday in Gundeman, 70 miles northwest of Sydney. There were at least 100 bushfires raging out of control in the state of New South Wales, with three people reported dead.

U.S. Visit By Akihito To Include **Raid Site**

By T.R. Reid

Weshington Post Service
TOKYO — Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko will visit the United States in June, including a stop at Pearl Harbor, according to

Japanese news reports.

The trip, which is also expected to include visits to Washington New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco, will be the first by a Japanese emperor since 1975.

Akihito is responding to the invi-tation of George Bush, who suggested the visit when he was in fokyo in 1992. Palace officials have declined to

comment on news reports of the trip. But the reports say that Akihito, 60, and Michiko, 59 will spend about two weeks in the United States in mid-June.

One point of interest during the couple's stop at Pearl Harbor, near Honolulu, is whether they will visit the official memorial to the U.S. soldiers and sailors who died on Dec. 7, 1941, when the Japanese launched their surprise raid on Pearl Harbor. The Arizona Memorial on the site is one of the most popular stops for Japanese tourists. The current Japanese govern-

ment has been the most outspoken vet about facing up to Japan's responsibility for World War II.

TEXTILES: U.S. Cuts Imports

Continued from Page 1 mated \$4.7 billion last year. In commerce. 1988, China was the fourth-largest On weapon supplier to the United States, with 9 percent of the market. In 1993, it ranked first with more than 13 percent of U.S. textile and clothing

one of several dividing Washington performance. In May, Mr. Cinton and Beijing, including not only encended China's most-favored natrade confiscts but differences over tion trading status for one year, weapons sales and human rights.

On trade, the United States is exports contribute to China's \$18 year

billion yearly advantage in bilateral

On weapons sales, a shipment of Chinese missile parts to Pakistan prompted the administration to severely restrict high-technology sales to China.

Finally, there is the continuing The dispute over textiles is just battle over China's human rights able tariffs on its exports to the pressing for greater protection of United States. However, as part of-software, recordings, and publica-a deal with to allow this to pass, tions under regulations regarding Congress demanded that China intellectual property rights. The show significant overall improve-Clinton administration also ment in the area of human rights; charges that trade barriers to U.S. if it wants the status extended next

4 Nations Protest At UN Over Iraq

UNITED NATIONS. New York - The United States, Britain, France and Russia have protested to Iraq over what they called widepread human rights violations, inscriminate bombardments of ci-

vilians and arbitrary killings.
In a statement Wednesday, they said they told Iraq's UN ambassador, Nizar Hamdoon, that Security Council resolution 688, adopted shortly after the 1991 Gulf War, demanded that Iraq stop mistreating its citizens in the southern rshes and in the northern Kurd-

U.S. Teams in Vietnam Start Search for Remains of MIAs

The Associated Pres HANOI - U.S. teams fanned out Thursday across old battle- bargo hinges on progress in gettin fields in Vietnam in search of the the fullest possible accounting of remains of Americans missing in the 1.239 remaining MIAs. action. It was the biggest such operate U.S. congressional ation since the end of the war.

The 84 Americans in eight teams have Hanoi's permission to roam the countryside in both the north and south, according to Lieutenan: Colonel David L. Fredrikson. 2 spokesman. The search is to end

Their efforts took on added significance at a time when the United States is considering moves to fur-Admiral Charles R. Larson.

commander of U.S. forces in the

President Bill Clinton has indicated that his decision on the em-

delegations also are due in Vietnam over the next 10 days to assess progress on the MIA search and to study potential trade relations with

Western diplomats and business people point to recent developments as indicators that the Clinton administration will take some year. Since Mr. Clinton's slightly completed, but no buildings can be ther relax or even lift the trade easing of the embargo last Septem-erected without either China's embargo on its former enemy. ber, a dozen U.S. companies already have registered to bid for about \$300 million in internation-

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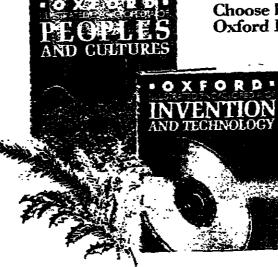
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A Bomb for North Korea?

American strategy for bargaining with North Korea over that country's nuclear program has apparently been altered. U.S. negotiators have subdivided the problem before them. In the first stage of talks as they are now proceeding, the United States means to ensure that North Korea builds no more bombs than it already may have. But that pushes into a foggy future the previous and prime American thrust to ensure that North Korea builds no bombs at all. The United States is deeply concerned that Pyongyang might already have at least one bomb, it is said, but it is even

more concerned that it might acquire more. On Nov. 7, President Bill Clinton said: "North Korea cannot be allowed to develop a nuclear bomb." Now it is authoritatively sug-gested that the president misspoke and that what he meant was that North Korea cannot be allowed to become "a nuclear power." The apparent difference is that to be a nuclear power you need more than one nuclear device and also a delivery capacity. Whether or not the president in fact misspoke, it alters the whole strategic landscape of East Asia if he is moving to live with a North Korean bomb, even if the move is meant to be transient.

Inspections by the International Atomic Energy Agency are the nitty-gritty. North

Korea has been backing off from its obligation as a non-nuclear signer of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty to permit certain IAEA inspections. In the latest round of an extended cat-and-mouse game. North Korea reportedly agreed to onetime inspection of seven declared nuclear sites. But its obligation is to accept not only one but repeated regular inspections, and not only of the seven sites but of the two suspect nuclear waste sites that the Koreans have pronounced off limits.

The Clinton people, to keep North Korea at the table, seem inclined to "pay" it for doing what it should be doing anyway. But while North Korea stalls, there should be no discussion at all of the terms on which the United States might suspend its "Team Spirit" exercises with South Korea. There should also be no further delay in enlisting Japan and China in tightening sanctions. North Korea is not just some hostile country that could yet be made a neighborly one, but a deviant totalitarian state constituting a menace to peace. Its government is famous for its pathological secrecy and deceptions and for committing horrendous acts of violence against its neighbor to the South. It should not be allowed even to suspect that its possession of a nuclear weapon is negotiable.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Get Back Into Vietnam

claims of a war a quarter-century ago that nearly tore America apart. The best reason to end the U.S. economic embargo on Vietnam is that it no longer serves American interests. With the rest of the world trading freely with Hanoi, the embargo punishes American businesses far more than it punishes the Vietnamese. And if the embargo were effective, it would be perverse. Present Vietnamese economic and foreign policies warrant encour-

agement, not punishment. But, as the Clinton administration is again discovering, the emotional claims are not easily put aside. Washington's top Asia diplomat, Winston Lord, recently returned from Vietnam reporting that Hanoi is cooperating in the search for information about Americans missing in action since the war, in exactly the ways Washington has suggested could bring a relaxation of the embargo. The commander of U.S. Pacific Forces, Admiral Charles Larson, will also be visiting this month. But before responding to Hanoi's latest efforts, the administration has decided to consult its political advisers.

This news has already restarted the old debates. Arguing against relaxation are many families of Americans missing in action who feel that Hanoi's cooperation has not gone far enough. While about 2,000 Americans are officially listed as missing in action, all but about 100 are now reasonably presumed to have died in battle or captivity before the end of the war. The fate of the rest is less clear. While both Hanoi and the Nixon administration declared that all surviving American pris-oners of war had returned in April 1973, newly declassified information suggests that the Pentagon believed that some might have been left behind, especially in Laos.

That suggests duplicity, by Washington and probably by Hanoi, which promised to return all Americans held in Indochina. But does it suggest that Hanoi still holds American prisoners? No one has found hard evidence to support such a claim, despite a yearlong Senate investigation and the Pentagon's own search missions under the Reagan, Bush and Clinton administrations. It is understandable that MIA families remain skeptical, given the evidence that they have been lied to. But how long should American policy be driven by suspicion of old misdeeds that no one today

can do anything about? On the other side of the argument is the reality of Vietnam today. It has transformed its economy along capitalist lines. It has ahandoned military interventionism. And it enjoys warm relations with such anti-Communist neighbors as Taiwan, South Korea and the Philippines. In many ways it is as if Saigon, not Hanoi, had won the war. Today's Vietnam represents a deferred victory for some of

America's original policy goals.

More than two decades ago, when America
was agonizing over how to extricate itself
honorably from Vietnam with many of those goals unmet, a Republican senator from Vermont, George Aiken, offered a simple suggestion: Declare victory and get out. Today America has a much more attractive option on Vietnam, it only it is bold enough to take it: Declare victory and get in.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

A Papal Nod to Israel

unsettle, as is evident in the Holy See's decision to establish its embassy in Jaffa, which has an Arab identity although it is within Tel Aviv's municipality. Church spokesmen insist that a Franciscan building there was chosen for economic and technical reasons. not to define a political distance between the Vatican and Israel. It is a textbook example of diplomatic euphemism that nobody is expected to believe.

Few issues have caused harder feelings between the Holy See and Israel than the status of Jerusalem. Successive popes have called, before and since Israel's birth in 1948, for internationalization of the Holy City and its sacred shrines. What rankled the founders of the reborn Jewish state was the indifference the Vatican had shown to the Ottoman regime in Jerusalem, when the city was governed by Arabs. When Israel proclaimed Jerusalem as its capital, however, and when the Old and New cities were united by Israeli arms in 1967, the Vatican began re-emphasizing the necessity of internationalizing Jerusalem.

Not just Israelis and not only Jews worried about the Roman Catholic Church's past condoning of anti-Semitism, about Pope Pius

The formal recognition between the Vati- XII's silence during Hitler's war against the can and Israel ends a diplomatic anomaly Jews, and about the Vatican's reluctance to and takes some of the bitter sting from a criticize Arabs — not least for refusing Jews trolled East Jerusalem. These old wounds persist despite conciliatory statements by popes and papal conclaves intended to heal by absolving the Jews of blame for the crucifixion of Jesus. But the two ancient religions can now build on a new relationship, because Vatican diplomacy finally matches doctrinal statements on anti-Semitism.

Recognition opens the way for John Paul II to make his first visit to Jerusalem, surely a resonant occasion for the right words on the need for mutual tolerance. And despite past differences between Israel and the Vatican, the presence of a papal envoy will powerfully attest to the permanence and legitimacy of a Jewish state in the Middle East.

Together with Israel's establishment of full relations with China and India, and with the likelihood that Jordan and Morocco will follow suit, the new ties with the Vatican can abate old fears of Arab encirclement and abandonment by an indifferent non-Jewish world. To that extent, the Vatican accord ought to boost lagging negotiations between an overcautious Israeli government and its overdemanding Palestinian partners.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

A Three-Way Moscow Summit?

The first Russian-U.S.-Ukrainian summit

meeting in history might take place in Moscow during Bill Clinton's upcoming visit to Moscow. According to Ukrainian news [reports], Leonid Kravchuk has been invited by Boris Yeltsin to come to Moscow.

Mr. Yeltsin's press office and the Russian Foreign Ministry neither confirmed nor denied the information. A U.S. State Department spokesman said that a Clinton-Kraychuk summit was possible only if there

were a breakthrough in the talks on

Ukraine's nuclear status. For Boris Yeltsin, who got U.S. backing in his dispute with Ukraine. Mr. Kravchuk's coming to Moscow would be a big diplomatic victory. It is hard to imagine that the Ukraiman leader will come to Moscow only with the aim of confirming his tough position on Ukraine's nuclear status. It looks as if Ukraine, driven to despair by its economic crisis and realizing its dependence on Russian

fuel and gas, is ready for serious concessions. - Izvestia (Moscow).



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Set Criteria for NATO Membership Soon

W ASHINGTON — Foreign Minister Andrzej Olechowski

visited Washington last month to make Poland's case for NATO membership. This former finance minister, one of the architects of Poland's economic transformation, thought he was coming to the nation that stood by Solidarity in its darkest days, dealt carefully with Poland's anxieties during German unification and led a Group of Seven effort with the IMF to ease the crush of

debt on Poland's reformers. Instead he faced a resolute Strobe Talbott, whose Russia policy informs Poles and other East Europeans that they are once again the lands between the great powers.

In his own determined way, Mr. Talbott is one of few high U.S. foreign policy officials who has charted fought to stick with it. The problem is that there has been no strong counterbalancing force making the case for a European policy separate from Washington's Russian calculations. I hope President Bill Clinton's coming trip to Europe will broaden his perspective about America's interest. The president could start by giving content to the administration's Part-

nership for Peace proposal. As the Central and East Europeans have recognized, this 1993 initiative does not appear to offer anything beyond NATO's 1991 decision to bring the former Warsaw Pact nations into the new North Atlantic Cooperation Council. The NACC design also included specialized features to draw these nations close to NATO.

The United States should now propose substantive criteria which, if met, would enable at least the Poles, Czechs and Hungarians to qualify for NATO membership over the course of about three to six years. If they meet the standards, these democracies should be brought into NATO at about the same time as

they enter the European Union.
The criteria should cover items like acceptance of borders, peaceful resolution of disputes, equal treat-ment for minorities, fair elections permitting a democratic transfer of power, civilian control over the miltary, cooperative security policies toward neighbors, anti-prolifera-tion policies that are enforced, a serious defense commitment and a record of productive work with var-

ious NATO subgroups.

There are four benefits to this approach. First, the criteria strengthen the hands of democratic reformers within these nations by relating a security payoff to sound policies. Concentration on Russia should not blind the West to its interest in the success of other post-Communist de-mocracies. The Russian priority has already made it impossible for East European reformers to get modest increments of aid.

Second, the pursuit of these poli-cies by the NATO candidates will lead to better ties with their neigh-bors, strengthening peace and stability in a region that we have seen can precipitate plenty of bloodshed and horror without regard to Russia.

Third, these criteria can help America deal with other U.S. security objectives - including stemming By Robert B. Zoellick

destruction. The export and arms than Washington's, reportedly be-policies of these nations are impor-lieves that NATO would be product tant to the United States

Fourth, the criteria and the timetable give a reasonable response to those who fear that NATO's extencion will fuel Russian revenchism The West is not rushing. It is encouraging the strengthening of sta-ble democracies with sensible security policies next to Russia and Ukraine, a development that should be in everyone's interest.

These benefits need to take into

account events in Russia. So let's do

so - with a hardheaded analysis. As

Russian reformers have told me, the success of Russian democracy will depend on events in Russia — inflation, growth, unemployment, crime, prospects for the future — not on whether Russia is offered a road map for NATO membership over time. Of course, other Russians, like the intelligence chief Yevgeni Primakov, warn NATO to stay put. But this is the same man who tried to undercut Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard She vardnadze when the United States and the Soviet Union joined together against Saddam Hussein's invasion

of Kuwait. (Mr. Shevardnadze, by the way, whose perspective on Rus-sian foreign policy is less indulgent

to take in the new democracies.)

Russians who object to a reasonable extension of NATO over time, based on sound criteria, are never going to be won over. And the West should not shrink from its own interests and those of its non-Russian friends if some Russians try to transform their weakness into a threat. I recognize that Russia's military

may have increasing leverage in internal affairs and that some officers might still see America and NATO as hostile. The West should meet their suspicions bead-on by substantially increasing military contacts and proposing cooperative ventures with NATO forces. If billions of dollars of Western aid, a rich network of military-to-military ties and efforts to build partnerships ranging from space exploration to libraries still leave some generals paranoid, then I am even more sympathetic to the East European point of view. After all, it is useful to consider

how the different approaches might play out. If Russia turns authoriza-ian or endures a long period of political and economic uncertainty, some Russians are likely to want to assert spheres of influence over the lands of

the former Russian or Soviet em-pires. Then NATO might fear that a move to accept new Eastern members would be perceived as a direct provocation. Without Western bulwarks, factions may arise within the Central and East European nations, as they have in the past, to counter or accommodate the negative forces in their larger neighbors. This response could actually trigger aggression.

Ambiguous reactions to instability and insecurity will make matters worse. Signaling uncertainty and lack of commitment will fuel the actions of Russian extremists, not put them to rest. If America pulls NATO back from the major security challenges in Europe, if it accepts the view of unfriendly Russians that NATO is a Cold War instrument, then it has begun to write the epitaph for the most successful alliance of

for the most successful alliance of democracies in world history.

Washington should consider care-fully the full implications of letting this Russia policy overwhelm Europe policy, because the results are likely to be bad for a Russia in transition as well as for Europe and America.

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Yes, NATO Should Expand Eastward

By Janusz Onyszkiewicz

The writer is a member of the Polish parliament and a former minister of defense.

WARSAW — Should NATO expand eastward, and if so, how far? On this issue, the most critical opinions have come from Russia. The arguments raised are basically the following:

Such an expansion of NATO could isolate Russia.

 Military alliances are always directed against some potential adversary. Thus, any strengthening of NATO is to be seen as affecting Russia's security interests. By embracing new members, NATO would create a cordon sanitaire separating Russia from the West.
 Russian public opinion is not prepared for such a

move, which could seriously strengthen the radical and neo-imperialist tendencies in Russia Let us try to take a closer look at these arguments. The idea that Russia would be isolated seems strange It is possible to imagine the isolation of a country like San Marino or even Poland, but to think in such terms of, say,

Japan or the United States or Russia is ridiculous. Russia is not just a country; it is almost a continent. The argument about Russia's security interests seems more convincing at first. But if one assumes that any military pact must always be directed against somebody, then the common defense system of the Com-

monwealth of Independent States would have to fall into the same category.

Andre Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister, wrote quite recently that "the new Russia, from the very first moment of its birth, declared that it doesn't see NATO

even as a potential adversary."

There is no need for reminders as to how essential it is for the NATO countries to develop a good partner-ship with Russia. Good relations with Russia are crucial for Poland and Hungary also. To think that new NATO members from Central and Eastern Europe would be ready to give their consent to any military adventure against the East amounts to the suspicion that the ruling elites of these countries have lost their feeling for

the basic interest of their nations. The idea that the expansion of NATO would sen rate Russia from the West can also be dismissed. On the contrary, it should extend the area of stability more to Regarding Russian public opinion, there are good reasons to suppose that at present Russia has no clear idea about policy toward its former satellites or about the future political and security architecture of the region. Russia is too preoccupied with its domestic agenda and its relations with the former Soviet republics and the West to spare the time and intellectual

potential for creating such a policy.

The only concepts still making the rounds in Moscow seem to be either a return to the system of "spheres of influence" or keeping the status quo. But the status quo cannot be maintained for long.

Some of the countries of Central-Bastern Europe at

least must have a clear perspective. If there is to be no prospect of anchoring into European and Atlantic political and security structures, there will be a natural temptation to look for other solutions.

A leading Moscow commentator suggests that Central and East European countries, rather than subjecting themselves to the humiliation of the various "maturity tests" they would have to pass to enter NATO, and then having to pay to make their weapons systems compatible with the West's, might want to create a new "Warsaw Pact," but one based on democratic principles.

Others, perhaps more realistically, suggest a similar pact, but without Russia. This alliance would work out agreements on security with both NATO and Russia. (I would note that Ukraine, as a nuclear power, could be seen as an especially attractive asset for this pact.)

But the strongest arguments are in favor of NATO's expansion eastward. Pethaps the most compelling of these is that it would be in the clear security interests of Germany. In the long run, NATO cannot ignore this problem without running the risk that security policies of at least some important members will begin to transgress

against the framework of the alliance.
Poland and other East-Central European states want: to join the European Union and are moving to do so as soon as economically possible. The logic of the process that is now fully under way leads directly into the NATO structure, a fact that should be clearly understood in Russia. Endorsement of this prospect is essential not only for stability in Central-Eastern Europe but for the political debate in Russia as well, where the sight of Vladimir Zhirinovsky waving a map with a Russian-German frontier should be seen for the absurdity that it is.

The United States Needs a Bigger, Better Europe

By Flora Lewis

P ARIS—America, trying to focus on domestic affairs, is only be-ginning to understand how much it but the struggles in them as they try to manage change. o manage change. It is a kind of Marshall Plan aplost in the Cold War. It needs a postwar reconstruction policy just as Russia does, and cannot succeed alone. proach and NATO wrapped into one, Foreign policy - a concept for relirecognizing the crucial importance of able security — is as essential a com-ponent as it was after World War II. The cost of the Cold War must be Eastern, particularly Russian, military establishments in the process. It sounds messy, but it is coherent unlike the bits and pieces of patch-work measures to deal with the new included in order to grasp where the United States stands in the world and

how to proceed. A crucial element in Britain's rapid decline after World War II came from its attitude toward the outcome of the war. Other countries knew they had been defeated, early or late in the conflict, and faced an enormous task of rebuilding and relaunching their societies. Because it was never occupied, Britain believed that it had won the right to relax. The United States faces a similar temptation as it gropes for ways to deal with the world with-

There is no looming enemy now. But, as the financier-philanthropist George Soros points out, a serious security danger can develop in the East because of internal develop-ments and the inability or lack of opportunity to join the world of open societies. This world of open societies is what the United States needs to rely on in order to get on with its domestic concerns, just as Western Europe needed to rely on the cooperative obli-gations of the Marshall Plan and

ATO to start recovery after the war. The Clinton administration stresses the valid point that it takes a strong, vigorous United States to bear world responsibilities. It is equally true that the United States requires a reasonably stable, nonthreatening world to pursue its long-

neglected domestic goals.

President Bill Clinton's coming trip to the NATO summit meeting and then Prague. Moscow and perhaps other points east will focus at-

tention on this connection.

The key NATO decision will be the Partnership for Peace, an ambiguous attempt to compromise between East European demands for admission and Russian objections in a way that establishes new ties without new commitments. It is a step in the right direction toward relieving the problem in the East. But Mr. Soros calls it "paltry" and sketches a more ambitions mission "to help with the trans-

formation into open societies." His plan would make NATO the foundation for a larger political-economic structure to assure a coordinated East-West revival policy. His key insight is that the problem is not relations among the states involved the framework for foreign policy in the new era. He should consider Mr. Soros's bold outline, along with Senator Sam Nunn's more specific, firm-

minded proposals for eventually en-larging NATO without provoking Russia if it remains friendly. test vote for Vladimir Zhirinovsky in the Russian elections has been salutary. It is much better to react before

The outrage at the resounding prohe has any prospect of coming to power than to wait until it may be too

late. But it is also important not to let him become a scarecrow for Bons Yeltsin to use whenever he wants indulgence from the West for un-

friendly or too autocratic measures. For that, the United States has to have a clearer, more concrete war plan than it has yet devised. Such a plan will also clear the way for its domestic programs. The link becomes obvious when you stop to consider that while the United States came out first in the last long conflict, it. too. suffered huge losses.

The New York Times.

The U.S.-German Link Still Matters

By Stephen Bierling and Reinhard Meier-Walser

MUNICH - When Bill Clinton visits Europe next week for the first time as president, Germany will not be part of the tour. Some will view this as new proof of the decreasing importance of the German-American partnership. They will note that with the collapse of the Soviet bloc. the old rationale for the Bonn-Washington alliance has become obsolete.

Strobe Talbott, designated the new

deputy secretary of state, will develop

They are wrong.

Germany and the United States have little choice but to cooperate. Common cultural traditions and a comparable weltanschauung help, though they are not enough to save the relation's special character. Only mutual interests can buttress long-term cooperation - and plenty

of those remain.

Security. It took the trigger-happy rhetoric of Vladimir Zhirinovsky to remind the West that Russia's military potential did not vanish with the Soviet empire. With state authority falling apart in Russia, power may be up for grabs sooner than many Yelt-sin supporters believe.

Germany cannot forgo the nuclear unbrella provided by the United States. France and Britain, with their limited capabilities, cannot play that protective role. And for Bonn to go nuclear would be political suicide. Both outcomes run diametrically against America's interest in a stable Europe and a predictable Germany. Since Bonn and Washington bene fit most from NATO, they should cooperate closely to keep it alive. NATO still takes care of Bonn's secu-

rity concerns. And the U.S. presence in Europe helps diminish angst about German power in the heart of the Continent. That, too, serves Germany's well-considered interests. Stability in Eastern Europe. De-

spite all the attention to Somalia,

Bosnia, Haiti and North Korea, the West's foremost challenge is in the old East. It is essential for European and global welfare to help democracy and a market economy succeed in Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia, and to save Russia and Ukraine from economic collapse. The real question is not whether the outside world can influence the fate of the East, but whether it can afford not to try. The two preeminent powers of the West bear a special respon-

sibility in managing this process. Neither country has the economic resources or the political strength to do it alone. Bonn can support the emerging democracies financially, while Washington deals with the "big issues" like arms control treaties and nuclear proliferation. These policies complement each other, and will have a synergic effect.

Economic openness. Although the United States trades more goods with the countries of the Pacific Rim than with Western Europe, the latter is still the main locus of direct American investment. The European Union is the biggest U.S. trading partner outside the Americas. Since Washington wants to forestall the emergence of a Fortress Europe, it needs a powerful ally in the European Union. France, with its traditional protec-

tionist stance, will not play this role. Britain does not have sufficient political clout in the European Union. This leaves only Germany, the world's second biggest trading coun-

try. And Bonn needs the United States to counterbalance the protectionists within the European Union.
Germany's role as mediator between Washington and Paris served all participants well during the final days of the GATT negotiations. This stance in bringing France back into NATO's military structure.

Cooperation between Bonn and Washington will by no means unfold without friction and frustration. But these have always been around. those common interests that have outlasted the Cold War. The best ship are yet to come.

What counts now is the solidity of days of German-American friend-

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This administration would not re-cognize a foreign policy principle, phony or otherwise, if it tripped over one in the street. The State Depart-

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Arms for Sicily ROME — The Corriere di Napoli says

the Consul of the United States at Palermo has informed the Prefect of Palermo of the arrival there of money and arms from France. The paper adds that various Sicilian banks are receiving cheques from France for persons who cannot be in commercial ations with that country, and that the Consuls of Germany and Austria have notified their Governments of contraband importation of arms on a large scale. The Chancelleries of those Empires, it is said, have warned Italy. I may add that there is a large party here which openly states that France is abetting the Sicilian disorders.

1919: Roosevelt Is Dead

NEW YORK - Former President Theodore Roosevelt died suddenly and quietly this morning [Jan. 6] at Sagamore Hill, his home at Oyster Bay, Long Island. Death resulted from can also help in other areas, for in- a sudden attack of heart disease, fol-

lowing a pulmonary embolism. The New York Herald comments: "He never was happier than when fighting, and never fought but as a leader. He was always crying 'Come ou!' never 'Go on!' Those are the qualities that make a crowd idolize a man, and Colonel Roosevelt was idolized. He was intensely, passionately American, and he labored for America with the ener-gy which he threw into everything."

1944: Metals Outlook WASHINGTON - From our New

York edition: The Office of War Information predicted today [Jan. 6] that practically all metals, including that practically all metals, including tin, will come off the critical list during 1944. It announced that while extensive cutbacks in various lines of war production are planned, they will be more than offset by an estimated 17 per cent rise in the over-all program over this year. In its report on con-backs O.W.I. said baixite — alumimm ore - will be out back 40 per cent in production by the end of January.

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By Charles Krauthammer WASHINGTON — The Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, which North Korea freely signed, requires a country to allow two kinds of inspections of its potential nuclear facilities: regular inspections of self-declared nuclear sites, and challenge inspections of sites undeclared by the host country but suspected by the world of

harboring mudear bomb work.
As America learned to its sorrow in Iraq regular inspections alone are use-less. Which is why last year the International Atomic Energy Agency de-manded challenge inspections of two North Korea waste dumps for evidence of weapons-grade phinomium production. North Korea refused. It then announced that it would not al-

low regular inspections, either. What did the Clinton administration do? It began a long series of negotiations with the North Koreans offering them all kinds of goodies, most importantly, cancellation of America's joint military exercises with South Korea, if they would come back into compliance with the NPT.

What now is the deal? Does North

Korea comply with the NPT? No. Does it allow challenge inspections? No. Does it allow even regular inspections? No. The IAEA will be allowed a onetime inspection of seven declared sites. In return, North Korea reportedby gets something it has covered for years: cancellation of the "Team Spirit" exercises with South "

it" exercises with South Korea.
"A total rout," says Gary Milhol-lin, director of the Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control. As the talks have proceeded, Bill Chinton has systematically abandoned one position after another to the point that Washington is not even talking about things — challenge inspec-tions, even regular inspections — that it was insisting on only months ago.

Everyone knows that a single inction of Potemkin sites is a joke. Why then the pretense? Because the administration has a

problem. It wants at all costs to get this problem off its plate, but the NPT has tough provisions to thwart the temptation to do so. Specifically, when a country reneges on its NPT obliga-IAEA declares that "continuity of safeguards is broken." These magic words are supposed to trigger a world

response against the violator.

Hans Bhx, head of the IAEA, was getting ready to use exactly those words in a United Nations speech on Nov. 1, but held off, much to the relief of the Clinton administration. With IAEA surveillance cameras and batteries in North Korea now about to go dead, however, Mr. Blix would have had no choice but to declare

continuity broken So some genius figures out that a onetime inspection would allow battery and film to be replaced and the IAEA to say that, technically, continu-ity had not been broken. No whatle blows, we pretend that the NPT is

intact, and the crisis goes away. True, the onetime inspection would do nothing to stop, slow down or even Korean nuclear program. But the point of the Clinton policy is not to stop the North Korean bomb. It is to get the administration off the book. Hence the deal. Result? (1) The NPT is dead. North Korea broke it

and got a large payoff not for return-ing to it but for pretending to. Its nuclear program proceeds unmolest-ed. In Telman and Tripoli and Baghdad the message is received: Nonpro-liferation means nothing. (2) The IAEA, if it goes along with sham, is corrupted beyond re-

demption. It is supposed to be an impartial referee blowing the whistle on proliferators. Yet if Washington does not want to hear the whistle, the IAEA can be bullied into silence. (3) American credibility, not very high after Mr. Clintou's about-faces in Bosnia, Somalia and Haiti, sinks to a new low. This is a president easily cowed and dangerously weak. Said one government official to The New York Times, "It's one of these cases where the administration was huffing

and puffing and backed down." Better though, said another, than falling on our own sword over phony principle." If nonproliferation, so earnestly trumpeted by this president, is a phony principle, then where do we look for real principles?

ment, mixing craveniess with cyni-cism, calls this capitulation "very good news." For Kim Il Sung, certainly. For America, the deal is worse than dangerous. It is shameful. Washington Post Writers Group.

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When that question was posed in this space last summer ("Was dread of further scandal a triggering cause of the apparent suicide?") Clinton aides blamed Mr. Foster's state of mind on the cruel, mean-spirited Washington press corps, with its focus on "travelgate."

Questions about a lawyer with a guilty conscience were denounced as ghoulish, the product of a conspiratorial mindset. We subsequently learned that there was indeed a scandal brewing that in-

No politician is so stapid as to try to hide something when there is nothing to hide. In Whitewatergate, the Clintons' pattern of behavior implies something serious to hide.

volved the Clintons, a go-go banker cro-ny who financed their Whitewater real-estate deal, and an S&L failure, now under criminal investigation, that cost

taxpayers \$60 million.
Vince Foster improperly kept the potentially damaging records of that deal in his White House office. Surely crossing his mind after the furor over the abuse of power in travel office patronage was the potential of far greater disgrace or prosecution in a money-and-influence scandal.

From the moment Mr. Foster's body was found, the White House counsel, Bernard Nussbaum, acted to keep those

Bernard Nussbaum, acted to keep those Whitewater files away from prying eyes. The investigation was confined to the Keystone-Kop Park Police; the Cinton lawyers refused to let them or the FBI see papers that might have revealed the suicide motive; and then, secretly, the files were spirited away from the White House to the president's personal lawyer.

dent's personal lawyer. When the existence of the hidden file came to light, the Climons stonewalled.
Hillary Rodham Climion, attorney for
the rotted-out S&L while her instand was responsible for its regulation, pro-fessed not to understand why anybody would be interested in a deal that lost them \$60,000. But curiously, the Clin-tons never took that loss, if it existed, off their income taxes; more strangely, they wrongly took other deductions, and the lawyer who worked with Hillary on

these returns was Vincent Foster. During the 92 campaign, to cover up the messy record, Mr. Foster arranged for a lawyer to here a Deaver accoun-

WASHINGTON — What terrible tant to whitewash Whitewaster; the research drove Vincent Foster, the port from Patten, McCarthy omitted through his head?

The largest transaction undertaken by Mr. Clinton's partnership — a halfmilion-dollar land purchase from a paper company to which Governor Clinton granted tax breaks.

After the mean insensitive press raised a ruckus to produce the Whitewater files, President Clinton was forced to agree to "cooperate" with the investigation of the bank's taxpayer inoff. He directed his personal lawyer to turn to turn the investigation of the bank's taxpayer to turn the line over to the investigation of the line over to the line over the li instice Department — a far cry from public disclosure.

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Clinton Justice Department. The files were not turned over forthwith; instead we were told they were being "catalogned," which the White House said would take "a comple of weeks."

Only Wetherstay, as this and other denunciations were being written, did one box containing Mr. Foster's files, and four boxes of backup to the accountants' whitewash, begin to get delivered. Were the files so voluminous to require "catalogning"? Our we be sure the documents did not get the treatment given the so-called suicide note, which appeared belatedly in 27 paces, not one with a fingerprint, and with the signature space missing?

If I were Lewis Fresh the new FBI

fure space missing?
If I were Louis Freeh, the new FBI

director chosen by Mr. Nussbaum and known as "Bernie's Good Deed," I would follow up by searching for a Foster safety deposit box or home strongbox, and would demand that Justice seek subpocnas to force the Chintons and their former law partners and accountants to produce

law partners and accountants to promote all other relevant papers.

What could explain the Chatens' document shell game that has been going on since the discovery of Mr. Foster's body?

Actions taken by lawyer-investor Hillary Clinton in 1988, when she requested power of attorney to "manage and conduct all matters related to Whitewater Development Corp." may soon come under the statute of limitations.

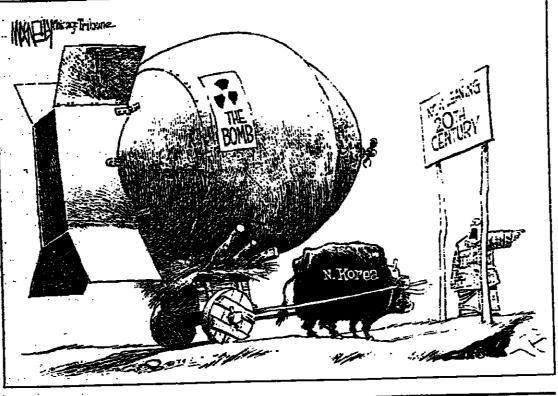
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Special in-house counsel? Not unless it is Robert Morgenthan; better to use this pressure for House passage of the Independent Counsel Act.

No politician is so stupid as to try to hide something when there is nothing to hide. The Chinons' pattern of behavior in Whitewatergate is that of wheeler-dealers with something serious to hide. Let us lique it is only politically embarrassing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shirer's History Lessons

It was with great sadness that I read last week of the death of William L. Shirer. His seminal writings — "Berlin Diary," "The Rise and Fall of the Third Diary." The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich" and "The Nightmare Years" among others — vividly documented the rise of fascism and Nazism. Let us hope that the teachings of history which he so brilliantly detailed are not lost on us. Social intolerance, economic instability and ethnic hatred are again rearing their ugly heads. The same conditions that made Hitler's rise to power possible now fuel growing nationalist sentiment

around the world.
In our celebration for having won the Cold War, let us not lose the peace. By providing strong leadership and a coher-ent foreign policy now, we will avoid having to fight another major war, hot or cold, in 10 to 15 years.

JACK A. MARK. Salt Lake City.

The Churches and Bosnia Regarding "Bosnia's Holocaust Puts the Churches to Shame" (Opinion, Jan. 5)

by Henry Siegman:

By dismissing in advance the expected criticism of his use of the term Holocaust in connection with Bosnia, Mr. Siegman cannot prevent many Jewish survivors of the Holocaust from feeling that he is disregarding our victims. He could have compared the carnage in Bosnia to the loss of life in the civil wars in Angola or in Sudan but never to the "Final Solution" by which the Nazis decided to destroy our whole nation in

It is very dangerons for a Jewish leader to take sides in an alien civil war with strong religious connotations, as Mr. ming sooner.

man does in Bosnia. He barely mentions the Catholic Croats, although they exposed themselves to widespread criti-cism by their military involvement in Bosnia and the resurgence of Usuase elements, which are of grave concern to the local Jewish community. He strongly sup-ports the Bosnian Muslims, despite the fundamentalism of their leader, Alija Izetbegovic. And he invites Western military intervention against the Bosnian Serbs, who are Christian Orthodox, thus provoking possible reactions against Jews in other Christian Orthodox countries. JASA ALMULI.

The writer is honorary president and founder of the Belgrade chapter of Holocaust Survivars and War Veterans.

The Missing Words

Regarding "A Worried Europe Watches East and South" (Opinion, Dec. 25) by Brian Beedham:

Mr. Beedham's otherwise intriguing analysis omits one concept and two words: nuclear responsibility. ROBERT SARTIN.

Thanksgiving Days

In "Later On, Santa Claus Got Jolly" (Meanwhile, Dec. 24), George F. Will writes: "Franklin Roosevelt discerned Christmas's potential as a countercyclical program and moved Thanksgiving from the last Thursday to the third Thursday in November in

order to get Christmas scopping hum-

That statement is inaccurate. Mr. Roosevelt did not tamper with the date of Thanksgiving until the outbreak of World War II, and he did so then in order to reduce holiday disruption of war production in a year when Tranksgiving and Christmas would have occurred but 15 days apart. This prevented Thanksgiving from falling on my birthday, which upset me no little bit. Fortunately, the governor of my state, Civde R. Hoe, of North Carolina, issued his own proclamation, maintaining Thanksgiving on my contiday. It was also the day of the North Carolina-Virginia football game, at which, during halftime in Chapel Hill, my father took me to see the governor, whom I thanked. SYDNEY M. CONE 3d.

Not Ouite High Tech

The flue-cas desulfurization system installed in Nanonal Power's Drax plant in Yorkshire, England, and praised in your Dec. 6 Special Report as "technology of the future." is actually old hat. Flue-gas desulfurization was developed in Japan. During the 1930s, most German coal-fired power plants were fitted with that system. High tech is an exaggerated term for a rather simple technique which, however, was improved in England in recent years. Meanwhile, more sophisticated systems have been developed.

W. SCHROEDER. Managing Director. Lahmeyer International. Frankfurt

With His Misogynist Smear, He Poisons Political Debate

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By Frank Rich

N EW YORK — To his fans. David
Brock, the writer who ruined the serve? Surely not either legitimate journalists or Mr. Clinton's adversaries.

To everyone else, he is a smear artist

with a right-wing agenda.

But a reading of Mr. Brock's occurre in the conservative journal The American

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Spectator suggests that his motives are at least as twisted as his facts. It is women, not liberals, who really get him going. The slightest sighting of female sexuality whips him into a frenzy of misogynist zeal.

All women are the same to Mr. Brock: terrifying, gutter-tongued sexual omni-vores. Such caricatures are a staple of his latest exposé and its predecessors, including the article that spawned his book "The Real Anita Hill."

Hillary Clinton, even more than her husband, is the real obsession in the writer's notorious 11,000-word treatise on Fornigate (as the alleged scandalous doings in Little Rock are now concisely labeled on the Don Imus radio show).

With dour hyperventilation, Mr. Brock charges Mrs. Clinton with such noncrimes as using "language that makes the Watergate tapes sound like a Sunday school lesson" and referring to state

troopers' guns as "phallic symbols."

The prim Mr. Brock also alleges that the ubiquitous Little Rock Peeping Toms overheard Mrs. Clinton expressing aloud a desire to have more frequent sex with her husband. How shocking!

In a similar vein. Mr. Brock wrote that the real Anita Hill was "a bit nutty and a bit slutty." He described her as having an "obsessive, even perverse, desire for male attention." (Perverse?)

He quoted an unnamed source on Ms. Hill's "firtatiousness" and "provocative manner of dress" — "not sweet or sexy [but] sort of angry, almost a weapon." When Mr. Brock went after Angela Wright, another potential witness against Clarence Thomas, he tracked

down one source who accused her of having "a foul mouth" and another who said she "told male co-workers she liked to walk around her house in the nude. What most of America regards as fod-der for 13-year-olds, Mr. Brock, a tender 30-ish, rates triple-X. His rage at wom-

en, meanwhile, invariably colors his view of men who commit what he calls "hanky-panky" with them.

On "Crossfire," a smirking Mr. Brock called Bill Clinton "a bizarre guy," not recognizing that the Fornigate charges, if true, would make the president seem all too pathetically ordinary.

Mr. Brock's idea of a non-bizarre man is one of the troopers, Larry Patterson, whom he idolizes as a macho image of abstinence: "tall and trim, with the upright demeanor and closely cropped hair of a military officer."

tor piece had the effect of trivializing the professional efforts of the Los Angeles Times and CNN to investigate the troop-ers' graver allegations of jobs-for-silence. Mr. Brock also temporarily drowned out the more serious conflict-of-interest allegations against the Clintons in Whitewatergate, which went undetected in his article because they would require a meticulous reportorial effort (the pursuit of a money trail) beyond his abilities.

Mr. Brock's sins do not, of course. absolve Bili Clinton of all charges, any more than they convict him. Nor, as The American Spectator would be the first to point out, do Mr. Brock's transgressions absolve liberal journalists of their own.
The specter of reporters sucking up to the
president during an off-the-record Renaissance Weekend recently in Hilton Head, South Carolina, is embarrassing. But Mr. Brock's misogyny injects a

poison more lethal than political partisanship into the national discourse. Among his charges against Mrs. Clinton is this irrational passage: "She would phone the mansion from her law office and order troopers to fetch femi-

nine napkins from her bedroom and deliver them to her at her firm." Even if this story were true — even if a high-powered lawyer would really send state troopers on an errand that a clerk could accomplish at the nearest drug-store — who cares? To put a finer point on it, why does Mr. Brock care? Would

were fetching aspirus? Of course not. His animus is so transparent that there will be no need for anyone to write a book in search of the real David Brock.

he have told this story if Mrs. Clinton

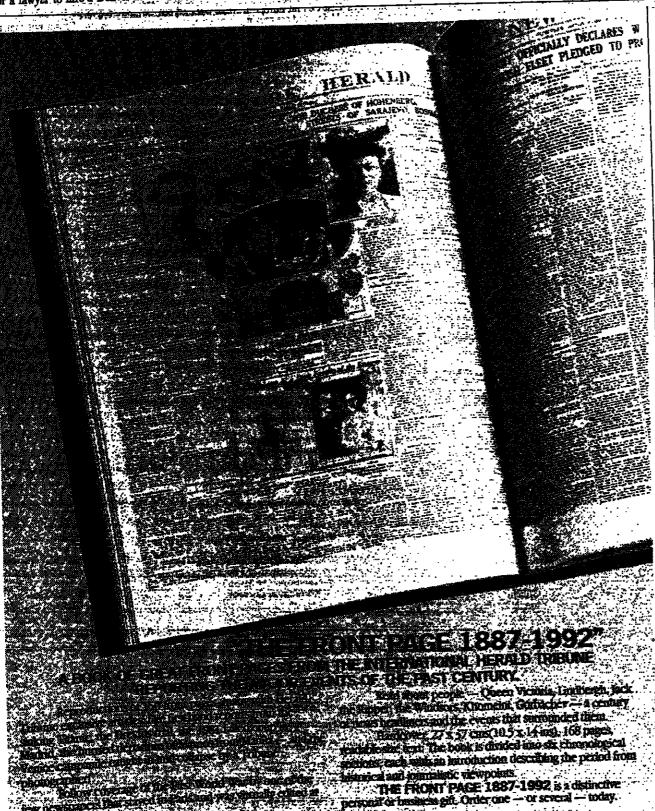
The New York Times.

A Moral Exemplar?

AVID BROCK is an entrepreneurial moralist who has married Fleet Street techniques to the arts of neoconservative propaganda. That mainstream media organizations have joined in this game is unsettling, if not indefensible.

Such snooping is occasionally justified as a means of defending public morality. "The president," one pundit contended, "is the moral exemplar for the whole country." This may be true. And perhaps Bill Clinton and his wife need to sort out their sexual relationship. But the best way for President Clinton to be a moral exemplar for a multicultural nation of 250 million people is to obey the law, uphold the consti-tution, pay the bills and look out for the little guy. To also expect exemplary sexual behavior (if such a thing truly exists)

— Jefferson Morley, Washington Post.



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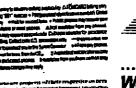
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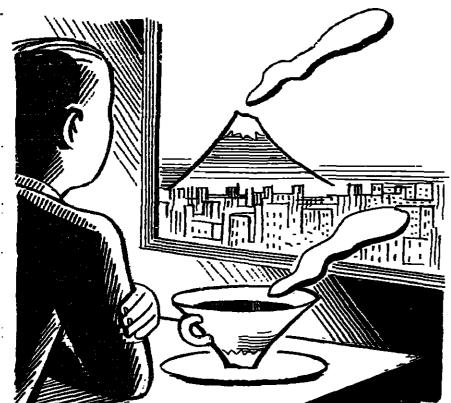
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Tokyo Coffee Shops: An Éndangered Species

By David Tracey

OKYO — Coffee went big in Ja-pan 100 years ago when the Brazil-ian government sent free beans to coffee-shop owners in Tokyo. What a ploy: The Japanese are now the third biggest coffee consumers in the world. In the crowded capital, where sidewalk benches are seen as public obstructions, the customary place to sit is a coffee shop. But they're on

When dwindling sales of Coffeeshop Management magazine finally forced the publication to quit in September, the Asahi newspaper knew why: High land prices, gourmet beans available for home brewing and discount chains have forced out many of the mom-and-pop establishments. Japan had 160,000 coffee shors in 1982 and has only 110,000 today, a drop the paper said reflected "the end of the golden era of coffee

"But it's more about style than numbers." explains Kiyoshi Mitsugi, former editor of the magazine. He says that the heyday for Tokyo coffee shops was in the late 1960s. when political groups packed into them to plot the revolution and then sing folk songs about it. That was followed by the '70s jazz café boom that had thousands of music fans reverently contemplating Charlie Parker re-cords with the help of caffeine.

The biggest trend these days, beginning a few years before the current economic slump, is discount chains that target commuters with drinkable but uninspired coffee for 180 yen (about \$1.55). Even so, for variety, intensity and weirdness Tokyo's coffee shops can still rival any city on earth.

The capital has more than 10,000 coffee shops, some of which have changed nothing more than their light bulbs since World War II. There are still coffee shops for classical music lovers with menus listing the musical themes of the month. One remnant from the jazz café era still posts a sign forbidding all conversation before 8 P. M. The following are three venerable choices from the past. but there are plenty more like them throughout the city.

Daibo in the fashionable Omote-sando district could attract customers just with its all-wood interior, shelves filled with books for browsing or Art Tatum on the stereo, but most people come for the brew. Choose from a selection of South American crops or go with one of the daily blends graded accord-

ing to strength. The beans are hand-roasted eased into a muslin filter and then touched with perfectly heated water by a master brewer who pours with the concentration of a scientist calibrating something precious. It takes a while and, at about 600 yen a cup. costs more than the average, but the result is a wonderful thing that can power you through anything Tokyo presents for the next three hours.

Daibo has weathered the city's coffee shop trends by keeping some of the same customers for the past 18 years, like the man who walks in and is immediately handed his favorite manga comic book from behind the counter, but it's not too snooty to welcome strangers. From the Omote-sando Crossing. head one block toward Asakusa on the right side of the road. The shop is on the second floor, above a garish noodle shop.

HE university district near Ochanomizu features a number of coffee shops providing the traditional link between students and stimulants. Among the oldest is Candles, a tiny room in a Tudor-style house run by a woman who has been serving the same coffee for 60 years. You can be the only one there and still feel crowded since the tiny chairs and kneehigh tables are left over from an era when the Japanese were smaller than they are today. Still, for standard coffee in a nostalgic setting Candles makes an interesting stop.

To get there, start at the corner of Jimbo-cho Crossing with the conveyor-belt sushi restaurant and walk down and in one block. It's the rickety house covered with ivy. A cup of coffee costs around 400 yen and you might also get a free handkerchief just for L'Ambre is a multitiered and well-worn

classical music cafe in the Ginza that looks as if its golden era is but a distant memory. The carpets are beat, the walls are musty, the clientele asleep. The coffee is nondescript too for 500 yen, but you get Bach on the speakers and a stuffy old chair you can sink into with no worry that anyone will attempt to roust you before closing time.

From the main Ginza 4-chome intersection, walk on the left side of the road toward Hibiya, turn left at the fourth street and look for a purple sign in English that says, "With-out border in music music is the word of the world."

David Tracey is a free-lance writer living in

Take the EC Train: Berlin to Warsaw or Prague

By Ann Brocklehurst

ERLIN - I knew for certain that I was on the right train when a man charged into my compartment and, before I had even had time to sit down, began tugging the window wide open. It is my experience that it is next to impossible to take a train in central Europe without, at the very best, a heated discussion and, at the very worst, an acrimonious argument about whether the window should be open or

Until this trip I had always sided with the window openers against the closers, people I believed lived in overheated, overfurnished apartments and complained constantly about nonexistent drafts. But on the day I was traveling from Berlin to Warsaw, it was below zero and there was snow on the ground. With the window open, there would be a winter gale blowing through the compartment.

I decided this was not something to argue about, picked up my bags, and moved to another compartment where the window was

closed for the seven-hour trip.

Personal tastes about windows aside, train travel in central Europe has become a lot more comfortable and a lot less time consuming since Eurocity trains started on the major

routes last year. The new EC trains are faster, make far fewer stops and switch engines quickly at the border crossings where there used to be long waits. The tickets cost about

20 percent more than for a milk-run train. The Varsovia, outfitted with glass luggage racks, pink and gray upholstery and matching carpets, left East Berlin's old-fashioned Haupthahnhof at 8:01 A.M., speeding past grayish urban sprawl and straight through the many S-Bahn stops leading out of the

Most of the 80-kilometer (50-mile) route to the Oder River and the Polish border is cut through evergreen and birch forest and it is only in Poland that it becomes clear the train is traveling across the North European Plain with hardly a hill in sight all the way to Warsaw. When pressed, even the locals will admit that this dry, mostly agricultural

countryside is an acquired taste.

The passengers are a mix of prosperous-looking German businessmen and Polish shoppers returning from bargain hunting in Berlin. Most people have brought their own food to save money or because they're wary about the meals served in the dining car. The prices are low by Western standards, but 5.20 Deutsche marks (\$3) for scrambled eggs, ham, toast, butter and jam appears less of a bargain when the butter turns out to be rancid.

ing car is not, as it is on some trains, a good place to strike up a conversation. According to horror stories making the rounds, however, lack of company is not necessarily a bad thing. One traveler befriended by strangers on this route woke up bruised and penniless by the train tracks and later came to the conclusion that his newfound drinking buddies had slipped something into his drink and dumped him from the train.

ERLIN to Prague with a stop in Dresden, is a shorter but prettier trip than the one to Warsaw. The twohour leg to Dresden is by far the most crowded; late arrivals may have to sit on their suitcases in the aisles. Escape to the dining car was not an option when all the places were taken by people without other

After the familiar and drab Berlin suburbs, the train passed through the more cheerful towns and farm country of Saxony. Entering the Saxon capital of Dresden, I caught little more than a gimpse of the old city, where the government has embarked on an ambitious program to restore and rebuild monuments destroyed by World War II bombing.

As we moved further away from Dresden and into an area known as Sachsische

Because of the lack of customers, the din-ig car is not, as it is on some trains, a good the bitter double-strength instant coffee in the dining car. The area gets its name from the dramatic sandstone cliffs rising several hundred meters on either side of the Elbe. The chalet-style and timber-frame houses help make it possible to forget temporarily just what a polluted river the Elbe is.

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But then comes the Czech border, and almost immediately the effects of years of neglect and pollution are more evident. Approaching Prague at the end of the four-and-a-half-hour journey is something of a letdown since the Eurocity trains from Berhin stop short of the city center at Holesovice station in a northern industrial suburb.

On the return trip, made mostly in the dark on one of the winter's longest days, I headed directly to the restaurant car and ordered a Pilsener Urquell and a Hungarian salami plate. The more exotic items on the menu such as duck and rabbit pate were unavailable.

I could only be grateful on this journey that the staff outnumbered the customers and that in my compartment I was on my own - there would definitely not be any disputes about the windows.

Ann Brocklehurst is a journalist based in





Tommy Lee Jones in Oliver Stone's "Heaven and Earth" (left); Jack Lemmon, Ann-Margret and Walter Matthau

The reason: "Heaven and

Earth," his latest and least con-

troversial film on the subject,

tells its story from the stand-

point of a Vietnamese woman. This is a tale of extraordinarily

melodramatic hardship, involv-

ing rape, torture, disgrace, pros-

titution and a disastrous mar-

riage to an American GI, all heightened by the despoliation of the heroine's homeland. Her

name is Le Ly Hayslip. But con-

sidering all these perils, it could have been Pauline. Stone's best

muscular in ways that Hayslip's

story, that of a resilient, long-

suffering victim, simply cannot

accommodate. As played with

impressive confidence by Hiep

Thi Le, a Vietnamese-born Cal-

ifornia college student making her film debut, Le Ly certainly

does not lack energy. She moves

through the film with a scrappy vigor that suits her story. The

film often returns evocatively to

her memories of a lost, peaceful

home. Certainly "Heaven and

Earth" sets off sparks with the

arrival of Tommy Lee Jones, as

the one American soldier who

isn't out to exploit this woman

But Jones, whose Sergeant

Steve Butler is a composite of

several men the real Hayslip

knew, has a tough row to hoe.

Steve changes from unbeliev-

ably nice guy into violent, abu-sive husband in record time,

even if these are among the

Grumpy Old Men Directed by Donald Petrie.

"Grumpy Old Men" is the kind of movie a lot of people are searching for. It's chearful, it's well under two hours and it doesn't concern any major social blights — unless you think Jack Lemmon tossing a dead fish into Walter Matthau's car is cause for alarm. Those rare qualities might make it one of the season's more entertaining films by default. What gives it a jolt in its own right is that Lemmon and Matthau have only gotten willer in the years since "The Odd Couple." They can do wonders even with this middling material about two neighbors in their late 60s, lifelong friends who express their affection by pretending to hate each other. Just don't expect their bicketing to be on the level of Neil Simon, and you won't be disappointed. Matthau and Lemmon may be familiar in these roles, but their characters are not really old or stale. And they're just grumpy enough.
(Caryn James, NYT)

Heaven and Earth Directed by Oliver Stone.

Making his third film about the Vietnam War and its consequences. Oliver Stone suddenly most colorful and involving epi-sodes. (Janet Maslin, NYT)

and Juliette Lewis in "What's Eating Gilbert Grape.

Directed by Guillermo del Toro. Mexico. To what lengths would you go to achieve immortality, and once you had it, would you ever decide to renounce it and simply die? These are the crucial questions posed in "Cronos," the first film by director-scriptwriter del Toro. In the story, an dio Brook) madly pursues im-mortality based on a secret method, while a mild-mannered Mexico City antique dealer (Federico Luppi) literally holds it in his hands. Love is the other strong ingredient in the script, because, according to the leg-end, continual rebirth is assured only while the heart remains untouched. The overall result is disturbing and sometimes gruesome as an American underworld type (Ron Periman) who wants a nose job (a touch of humor) pursues the immortal on behalf of the old man. Like the fight scenes, the film deals heavy blows to the viewer's head, mixing vampire-type sequences with the tenderness of the antiquarian's relationship with his mute young granddaughter. Special effects abound. One is curious

to see this director's next effort.

(Al Goodman, IHT)

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Directed by Lasse Hallstrom.

It's hard to describe the many

eccentricities of "What's Eating Gilbert Grape" without making the film sound as if it had a case of terminal whimsy. Better to say that this is the work of Lasse Hallstrom, the Swedish director of "My Life as a Dog," whose gentle, rueful style can accommodate vast chanting ways. Hallstrom is also adept at viewing the world from the perspective of troubled young characters. And Gilbert Grape, the hero and narrator of this story, has troubles to spare: "What's Eating Gilbert Grape" is based on a somewhat darker, more acerbic first novel by Peter Hedges, who also wrote the screenplay. Like a lot of first novels, this one is much stronger on texture and character than on plot, and the film has inherited the same problem. But the screen version of "What's Eating Gilbert Grape" also has a lot to recommend it. Particularly impressive are the sweet, weirdly idyllic tone of Hallstrom's direction and Johnny Depp's tender, disarming performance as the long suffering Gilbert Grape.
(Janet Maslin, NYT)

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Truffle Hunting and Bureaucracy

By Kate Singleton

IENA, Italy — Beppe sits at a school desk chewing his pencil and frowning as he mutters something in Latin.

Around him there are plenty of heavy sighs, jigging knees and gnarled hands moving from worried mouths to gray or balding heads. Like Beppe, most of these men haven't taken an exam since the primary school certificate. And in Beppe's case,

that was almost 50 years ago. In classrooms around central and northem Italy the likes of Beppe have been facing ordeals more taxing than those of childhood in order to obtain a permit for looking for

In actual fact they've been unearthing such miracles of nature" (Pliny) for generations in the woods around their homes, and probably know more about country lore than their examiners. But with truffles selling in cities for as much as 450,000 lire, or \$260, per 100 grams (3.5 ounces), it has occurred to the Italian government that it might be worth tapping this source of undeclared income. So give the proper name for the winter black truffle: Tuber melonosporum. And what law passed in which year regards truffle fields and

their exploitation? More head scratching In ancient times it was believed that the small, dark, misshapen tubers whose pungent, earthy aroma and savor is so prized by gourmets were the result of lightning hitting trees or the earth. In reality, a truffle is a form of fungus that grows about 5 to 15 centimeters (2 to 6 inches) below ground in parasitical symbiosis with the roots of certain trees, such as oaks, poplars, horse chestnuts and walnuts. The black truffle found from December to May is the most common, but it is the rarer and more coveted white

and his fellows are prepared to suffer for. "I've never been much of a book man

myself, so all this studying has been quite an effort," he said. "Of course I know about the trees the truffles like and where and how to look for them because I've been doing it for years. But I had to get my daughter-in-law who's a teacher to help me with all the Latin names that are hard to pronounce, and the exact details of the law they've passed."

From October to December, the happy few

who passed their exam set off into the woods of Tuscany and Umbria with their precious truffle dogs in the early hours to sniff out the white truffles hidden beneath the leaves. The fruits of their labors are to be seen and tasted in the many Sagra del Tartufo, or truffle fairs, beld in the surrounding hill-top villages during the weeks leading up to Christmas.

All this is traditional, convivial and de-

lightful. However, behind this colorful pageant, truffle-hunting is gradually expanding to become a regular business, with all due analyses, investments and projected gains. This is because it has been discovered that truffles can be encouraged to grow, given the right soil conditions. The outcome is an increasing number of truffle reserves and, indeed, truffle farms.

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Fujio Furukawa, 72, a former engineering professor, says he has set a record for top spinning. He says his 250-gram top spun for 38 minutes and 59 seconds, breaking the 1968 record of 5 minutes and 26.8 seconds. Who says newspapers never report good news?

To cultivate truffles, saplings whose roots have been specially disinfected and isolated are infected with truffle spores that should thus prosper in ideal conditions. Financial incentives are now available both for clearing and protecting potential truffle reserves and for starting up truffle farms with such mycor-hizal trees. The muscles specialized in this delicate process say that the "truffle trees" require from five to 10 years to develop the desired fungal aberration at their roots.

"I bought a strip of land in a shallow gorge that looks as though it must once have been a riverbed," said Beppe, who runs a bar in a village west of Arezzo with the help of his wife and son, "I had the soil analyzed and they said it was just right for white truffles. So I applied for a grant to buy the truffletreated saplings, which I got from a man over near Perugia. You have to be careful with the nurseries. There are plenty of unscripulous people around when it comes to selling something you can't even see. You want to stick to the ones who collaborate on research projects with the local universities. They're more likely to be honest."

To plant trees, even with financial help, and tend to them for a decade before any hope of a (taxable) return calls for optimism. Beppe is certainly a positive sort of person, which is why his bar is never short of cus-

But what will happen if the truffle farms do work and the market is suddenly so flooded that common mortals can afford what Nero described as "the food of the gods"? Well, the experts reply, tea and tomaloes were once both precious rarities.

Kate Singleton lives in Italy and writes on

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'94 Outlook for Cutting Travel Costs

By Roger Collis

International Herald Tribune

HE message from the business community to the travel trade for 1994 and beyond is this: We are learning to stretch our travel dollar not by traveling less but by traveling smarter. There has been a sea change in the ethos of the business traveler since the Gulf War. Executives are now traveling as much - if not more - than before the recession. Companies are sending more people out on the road to seek new business and meet customers in more

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competitive times. But they are also taking more aggressive steps to control travel costs. "Companies have learned that you do not have to spend the same amount on travel to achieve the same results - in getting an executive there at the right time and in reasonable condition," says Richard Lovell, manag-ing director of Wagons-lit Travel in London. "The level of spending for some companies is 30 to 40 percent higher than this time last year but there's still the same urge to save money. Travelers are learning to live with building business from the back of the aircraft."

"I think people are overall trading down — particularly in medium and small companies," says Andrew Gray, managing director of Air UK at Stansted Airport. "And big companies are putting pressure in terms of wanting value for money and all sorts of kickbacks. But they still travel in business

Whether the message has reached the travel trade — especially airlines — is arguable. British Airways holds firm to its strategy of premium "brands": first and business class on long-haul routes and business class in Europe (scheduled for a major relaunch "in 1994"), in the fervent hope that the premium market is going to bounce back. (BA reckons that one business traveler could be worth as much in terms of revenue as five or six passengers in economy.) Downgrading has been reflected in a calamitous decrease in airlines' yields — profit per mile per passenger. Major airlines have had "yield dilution" of up to 30 percent in the last year.

HILE business travelers are cabin-hopping - from first to business class, and from business to economy - airlines have resorted to an array of promotions and deals, from free upgrades and half-price companion fares to two-for-one in first or business when you pay the full fare.

These desperate short-term measures have devalued the airlines' class system. First class (costing about twice the business-class fare) seems set to disappear. Denizens of the front cabins are mainly upgraded businessclass travelers along with off-duty airline staff. American Airlines will operate a new two-class service on two of its 17 daily flights from Britain to the States from Jan. 31. Everyone moves up a class. Passengers paying a business-class fare will sit in the old first-class cabin; while business class is to be

reserved for full-fare economy passengers. This is really formalizing current deals and promotions, and reflects what Virgin has done with its Mid-Class (for full-fare economy) and All Nippon with Yuttari Sabena has converted its first class into business class and its business cabin into a full-fare economy class. Savvy travelers know how to move up a class by cashing in frequent-flier points or buying a consoli-



dation ticket (a discounted full fare) and save up to 50 percent.

The class war in Europe has focused on rewarding the business traveler with a curtained-off section of economy with the same narrow seats and legroom and a few frills: the idea being to force the business traveler to pay top dollar for a flexible ticket. I recently paid £628 (about \$940) for a roundtrip in business class from Nice to London with British Airways. I can buy a round-trip to Dallas for that kind of money.

But business-class (fully flexible) fares are set to fall this year on many major routes within Europe by around 30 percent. Look for discount business fares — for people willing to sacrifice some flexibility in return for a ticket costing up to 40 percent less and which you can upgrade without penalties.

More competitive business fares are the welcome consequence of the third European Union liberalization package, which came into force with the single market on Jan. 1, 1993. It enables community airlines to set their own fares, and fly between two other EU states without the need to start or end in their own country. The crucial point is that 10 out of the 15 busiest routes are still only served by the two national carriers with the same high

You are likely to find the cheapest fares on those routes served by British Midland (Heathrow to Paris, Amsterdam, Frankfurt,

Do try to fly a route served by at least

Brussels, Nice) and Air UK (Stansted to Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Nice). BM offers a choice of business fares in its front cabin, notably a three-day round-trip ticket that saves you up to 35 percent on the full fare. Air UK (with singlecabin service of business-class standard) has pitched full economy fares at 15 to 25 percent less than other carriers.

But it is smaller regional airlines that will seriously improve the quality of business travel - with more services linking small cities with major hubs or with each other. They operate high-tech equipment, like the Saab 340 turboprop, or the BAe 146 whisper jer. And usually operate a one-cabin service to business class standards. Crossair, for example, the Swiss regional airline, which flies to more than 40 cities, serves a choice of meals, with fine wines poured from a fullsized bottle, and served on fine porcelain with silver cutlery. Deutsche BA (in which BA has a 49 percent stake), with a fast-growing network from Berlin and Munich to points in north, east and southern Europe, offers similar service on its 33-seat Saab 340s. And Conti-Flug serves long-haul style hot meals on its flights between London City and Berlin Templehof.

IRLINE alliances with hotel groups and car rental firms offer great travel bargains. Fly-drive and fly-stay deals can save you 60 ercent or more on "walk-up" rates. The BA-Hertz Executive Drive programs apply at about 150 destinations. Show your boarding card for a discount. Avis has a similar deal with British Midland. And Europear Interrent is developing links with many regional airlines.

Hotel rates will become as variable as airline pricing. Room nights will be sold through brokers at prices based on the same yield-management techniques as airlines use - the hotels' equivalent of consolidation

Keeping track of the growing number of frequent-flier plans will continue to be the most exacting management task of frequent travelers. Mileage counting in Europe and Asia is almost as much of an addiction as in North America. Business travel is frequently driven by frequent-flier priorities. A recent survey among European business travelers by Official Airline Guides, found 20 percent of FFP members had allowed their perks to sway their choice of flights.

But finding your way through a maze of mileage accrual levels and hotel tie-ins, bonus points and deadlines, can be as much of a nightmare as the travel itself. Perhaps by the end of 1994 some 15-year-old computer genius will invent software to unrayel all of

Do look out for fly-drive and fly-stay

Do consider carriers with single cabin

Do look for FFP promotions: triple and

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Musee d'Art Ancien, tel: (2) 508-32-11, closed Mondays. Continu-ing/To Feb. 27: "Les XX et La Libre Esthétique, Cent Ans Après." Fea-tures the works exhibited under the aegis of the two audacious Belgian associations between 1884 and 1914. Includes works by Seurat, Bonnard, Ensor, van de Velde and Khnopff, among others.

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British Museum, tel: (71) 323-8525, daily. To Feb. 13: "Demon of Painting: The Art of Kawanabe Kyosai, 1831-1889." More than 100 of Kyosai's paintings, drawings, woodblock prints and illustrated books.
Royal Opera at Covent Garden, tel: (71) 240-1200. Bizat's "Carmer." Directed by Nuria Espert, conducted by Jeffrey Tate, with Denyce Graves, Neit Shicoff/Richard Margison and Leontina Vaduva. Jan. 21, 24, 27, 29 and Feb. 2.

Centre National de la Photogra-phie, tel: 53-76-12-31, closed Tues-days. Continuing/To Feb. 7: "Ven-ties: Photographies de Mode des 19eme et 20eme Stecles." Fastrion photographs including works by Lar-tigue, Sarah Moon, Nadar, Newton and Indra Been.

Musee d'Orsay, tel: 40-49-48-65, closed Tuesdays. Reopening/Jan. 11 to Feb. 13: "Nabls: Bonnard, Vuliterd, Maurice Denis, Vallotton, 1888-1900." 300 works by the group of young artists who exhibited together in the last decade of the 19th century and whose common style was partly derived from Gauguin's flat pattern compositions. Fans, screens, tapestries and illustrated books are includ-

Opera du Rhin, tel: 88-75-48-00. Gluck's "Iphlgenie en Tauride." Conducted by Louis Langree, with Sylvie Brunet and John Handcock. Jan. 16,

GERMANY

22, 24, 26 and 28.

Museum für Volkerkunde, tel: (30) 83-01-1, closed Mondays. Continu-ing/To Jan. 30: "Von Kokos zu Plas-tik: Sodseekulturel im Wandel." Documents the arts and traditions of the South Sea islands. Nuremberg

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Germanisches Nationalmuseum, tak: (911) 13-31-0, closed Mondays.
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Staatstheater, tel: (711) 1-97-03. Verdi's "Rigoletto." Conducted by Ingo Metzmacher, with Gabriel Sade, Wolfgang Schone and Catriona Smith, Jan. 20 (premiere), 23, 28 and 31.

Museo Correr, tel: (41) 52-06-288.
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Longhi." 50 paintings. 35 drawings
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Sogo Museum of Art, tel: (45) 465-2361; closed Tuesdays. To Jan. 30: "Dairnyo Culture: Treasures from the Hosokawa: Family." Features por-traits, Non and tea ceremony utensils, calligraphy and furniture of the Edo period from the private collection of the family of the current prime

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Muziektheater, tel: (20) 6-255-455. Mozart's "Il Re Pastore." Conducted by Graeme Jenkins, with Bruce Ford. Teresa Ringholz and Christine Schaler Jan. 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 24,

Rijksmuseum, tel:(20) 673-2121, closed Mondays, To March 6: "Da-

geraad der Gouden Eeuw: Noordne-derlandse Kunst 1580-1820" 350 works of art from the "Dawn of the Golden Age," including paintings by Avercamp and Frans Hals, as well as tapestries, furniture, silver and glass ns of the same period.

PORTUGAL

Lisboa 94. As European Cuttural Capital of the year, Lisbon will offer Capital of the year, Lisbon will offer various exhibitions at the Museu Nacional de Arte Antiga, the Museu Nacional des Azulejos, the Museu do Chiado and the Centro Cultural de Belém. The Coliseu, the Testro S. Luls and the Auditorio da Fundação Gulbenkian will host beliet performances by Portuguese and foreign companies (including Merce Curningham, Pina Bausch and Sankai Jukiu). The musical program will include Portuguese operas commissioned for this celebration and several Benjamin Britten productions as well as performances by foreign orwell as performances by foreign or-chestras (the London Symphony, the Oslo Symphony Orchestra and the Czech Philarmonic).

New York Times Edited by Will Shortz.

Musea Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, tel: 467-50-62, closed Tuesdays. Continuing/To Jan.13: "Vienna 1900." Emphasizes the far-

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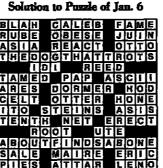
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THE HISTORY OF HELL By Alice K. Turner. 275 pages. \$29.95. Harcourt Brace.

THE FORMATION OF HELL: Death and Retribution in the Aucient and Early Christian Worlds

By Alan E. Bernstein, 392 pages. \$32,50. Cornell University Press. Reviewed by Frances Taliaferro

THESE are lean times for eschatologists, or so it seems to the general reader. Whatever grand theological controversies may be raging behind seminary walls, out here we're unaware of them. Perhaps the "last things" that are eschatology's darker subjects death, judgment and damnation — are so painfully manifest in everyday life that a look at the morning headlines or the evening news is, in Emily Dickinson's phrase, "all we

In any case, hell's foundations are long since established, the landscape well mapped, the conventions familiar. The violent theology of a phrase like "Hell's Angels" has lost its pow-cr to horrify. As far as popular cul-ture is concerned, hell is verbally trivialized — as in "I had a taxi tide from hell" — and visually domesticated: It's the stuff of New Yorker

By Alan Truscott M ICHAEL RADIN of Man-hattan and Michael Kopera

of Brooklyn, New York, won both

Grand National titles this year, a

In the diagramed deal, Radin

and Kopera were East and West

and they used a hypermodern opening idea that would be prohib-

ited in nearly all other pairs con-

tests. Two spades showed 6-10

points with either both black suits

or both red suits, and the bidding

Both sides bid vigorously to the

six level, and West was about to

play six diamonds doubled. This

would have hinged on the opening

lead, failing after a club lead but

making after anything else since

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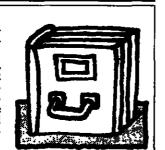
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tickets. Call the airline for the name of its "consolidator." Chances are they will

"Though I'm not an American, Kennedy was everyone's president in a sense. Fonzi was an investigator for the House Select Committee, which effectively continued the Warren Commission cover-up, and he writes with intelligence and in-



cartoons and Halloween costumes. Two new books suggest, however, that (at least in publishing) hell is an idea whose time has come. "The History of Hell" by Alice K. Turner and "The Formation of Hell" by Alan E. Bernstein are inpremise that the concept and my-thology of hell developed gradually over the centuries and were the work of many contributors. Here

the similarity ends. Turner's generously illustrated the early Church was that of the "History of Hell" is a lively popular abominable fancy, the idea that part introduction to views of the other world from ancient Sumer to the present, with a rich concentration on the middle millennium of hell's history. Making no scholarly claims, she describes her investigation as "geographical rather than theologi-

became the issue. The declarer was in some danger of losing two heart tricks and one in each black suit.

He ruffed the opening diamond

held up his ace twice, aiming to

restrict entries to the dummy, and

clubs and played a third club. East

was forced to lead a heart, and

South guessed right, playing low

cal or psychological," though she browses in the latter fields. Turner has served as fiction editor of Playboy since 1980; this worldly experience seems to have sharpened her visual imagination and her abili-Hell" by Alan E. Bernstein are intellectual histories for the general
reader, both proceeding from the
She exercises a gift for vivid analogy, as when she compares medieval "vi-sion literature" to modern reports of UFO abductions, and a dry humor informs such statements as this: "One of the less savory notions of

> of the joy of the saved lay in contemplating the tortures of the damned." Turner is interested in the sort of quirks that bother you and me and even the theologians. Some ostensi-bly trivial theological problems are actually quite substantial, like the

geographical location of "Abra-ham's bosom"; other questions suggest the what-ifs that occur to seventh graders on a really ornery day. (Would food that you consumed during your lifetime be part of your body at resurrection? Yes. Well then what about cannibalism?)

raple miles, plus short-term tie-ins

"The History of Hell" turns out to be a capsule history of Western civilization as seen from one particular point of view, and a rich anthology of general information both literary and visual. "The Formation of Hell" is the

first installment of a projected multivolume work on the history of hell from the Bible to Dante. Alan E. Bernstein, associate professor of history at the University of Arizona, is a medieval historian and a first-rate elucidator whose method is close reading of carefully selected texts. This book lacks both the illustrations and the dashing tempo of Turner's "History of Hell." but Berastein's careful commentary gradually builds an absorbing history, well supplied with scholarly footnotes. I am not likely to pursue references to the Journal for Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenis tic and Roman Periods, but I found that I wanted my own Bible near at hand so that I could look things up. Surely this is the kind of response that Bernstein hoped to encourage when he chose to write for a general

The historical period of this volume is limited, but the subject is vast. Bernstein renders it manageable by concentrating on the ten-sion between "neutral death" and "moral death," the two most common options in the ancient world.
"Neutral death" assigns the dead to a "morally neutral storehouse,"
"a pallid half-life without either reward or punishment," as in the Hades of Greek religion and (initially) the Sheol of Judaism.

place.
"The Formation of Hell" is not a

Frances Taliaferro, who teaches English at the Brearley School in New York, wrote this for The Wash

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won the third round. South ruffed another diamond, and it might seem that he could have made 10 tricks by cashing a top club and then crossing to dummy with his last trump to take a club finesse. That would have failed because of the internal block in the club suit: South inevitably wins the fourth round in dummy and cannot score his last club. Instead, South cashed his top

But North retreated, and the size from his hand and escaping for of the penalty in six spades doubled down two. lead and played high trumps. East

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"Moral death," however, provides a "subdivided, mapped underworld, zoned . . . according to ethical principles," in which the righteous are refreshed and the wicked are tormented. The Egyptian land of the dead was such a

quick fix for the idle reader, but it rewards sustained attention and makes a good, sober partner for the chattier "History of Hell."

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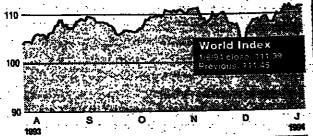
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Hong Kong Plummets As Investors Take Profits

HONG KONG - Hong Kong stocks took their biggest one-day plunge since the worldwide col-lapse of October 1987 on Thursday, as a long-expected bout of profit-taking swept the market.

The Hang Seng index plunged 193.43 points, or 6.52 percent, to 11,374.50.

The fall wiped out almost a week The fall wiped out almost a week of breathless gains led for the managers part by lapanese fund managers ilecting their country's ailing stock markets. Turnover was 13.73 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$1.78 billion), up slightly from the previous day's \$13.14 billion.

"It's been building up for the last few days," said Chris Malpass of Peregrine Securities. "The market was heavily overbought, and really, you're just steing one or two investors consolidate gains. I don't think there is any particular spark which has caused the sell-off."

The Hang Seng index gained 115.67 percent last year, mostly in the fourth quarter, as American, Japanese and European investors started pouring funds into the market sending daily volume soaring. Low interest rates in the United

States have sent American investors searching for better returns over-seas. As China booms, too, investors have been buying Hong Kong stocks to get a piece of the action.

Mr. Malpass said selling was seen across the board and, in particular, in the real estate industry, which has made rapid recent gains. They are the natural candidates for profittaking given the substantial fortunes being made, said Mr. Malpass. Kirk Sweeney, director of re-

search at Lehman Brothers Asia, said in a report published on Thursday that the market will at best, be stable for the next few months. Among blue-chip issues, Jardine Matheson fell 6.50 dollars to 74 and

Cheung Kong lost 3.75 to 45.75. HSBC fell 6 to 108. In the real estate sector, Sun Hung Kni lost 5.50 to 68.50, Hongkong Land was off 3.05 to 28.30 and Henderson Land fell (AFP, Reuters) 4.00 to 51.00.

U.S. Opens Airline Policy Ceiling on Foreign Investors to Rise

WASHINGTON - The White House proposed Thursday that the ceiling on foreign investment in U.S. airlines be raised to 49 percent from the current 25 percent of voting stock when it announces its new airline policy, industry sources

said Thursday.

However, the plan would
make the higher investment ceiling applicable on a country-bycountry basis. Only those other nations that allow U.S. companies significant minority stakes in their domestic carriers will be

chaible, they said. Current U.S. law caps foreign investment in U.S. airlines at 25 percent of voting stock and 49 percent of non-voting stock.

The government plan would also reform air-traffic operations, reform bankruptcy law and promises a review of unneeded federal airline regula-tions. But it did not contain the major tax rollback the airlines

The proposal to raise the investment ceiling closely tracks recommendations made last year by an independent commission created by Congress and the gov-ernment to study the problems

and competitiveness of the U.S. The commission recommended several new initiatives, including a government corporation to

inister the U.S. air traffic cost variate ce avs. control system, as well as reducing taxes and user fees paid by airlines and passengers.

If we can find a way to reduce the inefficiencies in the system.

Only those countries that have reciprocal arrangements will be permitted to raise stakes.

that will ensure more competition [and] that will reduce costs to the airlines, which will be passed on to the consumer." Transportation Secretary Federico F. Peña said on television

Thursday.

Mr. Peña said the only tax rehe the administration was willing to provide was a previously announced two-year delay in the effective date of new tax on trans-

He added that the Transportation Department would speed up use of its new Gioral Positioning System a satellite-based navigational system that can increase airspace capacity and reduce

Mr. Peña said the department would also review regulations with an eye to quickly ending unneeded one which airlines say cost them hundreds of millions of dollars a year.

This initiative is good for consumers, it's good for the industry and its employees, and it's good for communities," he said. The administration says it canno: afford any more tax breaks as it tries to reduce the budger defiait.

Air-traffic control reforms would shift control to a new govemment corporation and away from the Federal Aviation Administration to help clear away bureaucti.

"Our 2021 is to make ATC more pusiness-like and to overcome certain chronic impediments to good management."
Mr. Pena said, citing inflexible personnel rules and burdensome

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Metallgesellschaft **Survival Rests** On Bank Bailout

Metals Giant Cites Losses As High as 3.3 Billion DM

FRANKFURT - Metaligesellschaft AG, the stricken German metals group and one of Germany's most prominent companies. revealed potential losses Thursday of up to 3.3 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.9 billion) and said it would fail if its bankers did not bail it out.

In addition to a huge loss of 1.8 billion DM for the business year ended on Sept. 30, Metalligesellschaft said it might have to report a loss of a further 1.5 billion DM from tisky oil deals in the United

Karl-Josef Neukirchen, the new management board chairman, said the company faced insolvency if banks turned down his proposals. which include an injection of about 77 billion DM in new equity. Metallgesellschaft's workers'

council warned of "unforeseeable consequences for the reputation of tably banks, that its proposed re-German industry if the plan was structuring and consolidation

it had to ask banks for extra credit said Helmui Harimann, a spokes after it was caught off guard by a man for Deutsche Bank AG, one of Metallgesellschaft's leading crediexecutives were then fired and a tors and shareholders. further four left the management board.

Meanwhile. Luo Zhiling, vice was confident its fortunes could be turned around if a 3.2 billion DM commission, said Thursday that package of capital measures and the offering rose through a confident its fortunes could be news on the table. At least, I hope it's all the bad news."

"The banks will make sure that package of capital measures and the offering rose through a cold loans announced on Wednesday jority of the people not only will was approved by the company's not fall but will improve in spite creditor banks.

approve the package. In addition to other cases in the 1980s. the equity injection, banks are be-

Mr. Neukirchen put forward ten- crisis broke. tative plans for the sale of two of the

vast network of about 250 subsidiaries that make up the conglomerate. It was the 25th-largest company in Germany in 1992.

A television report quoted Mr. Neukirchen as saying the units to be sold were Kolbenschmidt AG. an auto-parts supplier, and "a globally operating mining company with headquarters in Toronto." That description fits Metall Mining Corp_ in which Metallgesellschaft holds 51 percent.

He aiso said that staff expenditure had to be reduced by between 600 and 700 million DM. Currently the company employs about

"We must try to reduce financial debt, which is extremely high, by our own actions and not just through capital measures." he said. The company said Wednesday after its meeting with creditors, no-

package was "positively received." "We are presuming that it will be into crisis in early December when subscribed by the shareholders,"

Ingrid Burkhardt, an analyst at B. Metzler Sohn & Co., said: Neu-The company said Thursday it kinchen is at pains to get all the bad

the offering goes through," said Ms. Burkhardt. She noted that Deutsche Bank in particular had The banks have until Jan. 12 to guaranteed similar operations in

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Business News in Hong Kong.

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China Said to Act on Grain took effect Jan. I already have triggered a rush to buy color televi-sions and other household elec-

are rushing grain to several provinces where supplies are tight and taking other emergency measures to control volatile prices, reports

said Thursday. The reports suggest officials remain worried about public anger over grain prices, which shot up 30 percent to 40 percent late last year before the government reimposed price controls.

The government decided that eight provinces and the cities of Beijing, Shanghai and Tianjin needed the shipments, according to a report from the semi-official Hong Kong China News Agency. It said 140 additional freight trains would be used this month to

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BELUING — Chinese officials
grain, which is 100,000 tons more than originally planned.

The report, which appeared in a

China-funded newspaper in Hong Kong, was denied by an official at the Internal Trade Ministry. Although there have been no re-

ports of unrest, officials clearly were shocked when grain prices scared in November despite a bumper harvest. Many farmers apparently withheld their crop from the market after the government announced it would raise prices in 1994.

Officials now claim that grain prices have stabilized after several measures were taken to prevent speculation. One report noted that 600 officers now check prices daily at grain stores in Beijing.

The government has warned that inflation, already running at more than 20 percent annually in urban China, could derail ambitious new market-style reforms planned this construction and year. Worries over new taxes that costs, the paper said.

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WALL STREET WATCH

Disney's Star Is Rising, Analysts Say

By Callum Henderson

AFP-Exter News EW YORK - Analysts are raising their ratings on stock of Walt Disney Co., despite continuing financial problems at Euro Disney SCA, in the belief that Disney's stock price undervalues its exceptional array of media assets and on expectations of strong revenue growth in its film and consumer-product

Analysts say the stock price was weighed down last year by increasing losses at Eare Disney, operator of the theme park near Paris, which is currently in talks with its bank. But Euro Disney's problems aside, they

But Euro Disney's problems aside, they say, Walt Disney, with its array of programming assets including Walt Disney Studios, is well placed to benefit from the arrival of the so-called information superhighway.

Disney has "had a rough ride" because Euro Disney, of which Walt Disney Co. owns 40 regreet has failed to attract as many 49 percent, has failed to attract as many visitors and generate as much revenue as expected, one analyst said, "but underneath that, it has what this new interactive, digital

media market will want - programming con-Disney should gain substantially from a sharp rise in programming demand expected to result from the development of the relemunications, cable and media industries into an information and entertainment juggernaut, Sharon Williams, an analyst at Pru-dential Securities, said.

Paine Webber Inc. recently asided Disney to its so-called focus list of 30 stocks rated "attractive" or "buy," saying the company was its top choice among large capitalization

PameWebber said Disney was "superbly ositioned" to benefit from both an increase in film output and a restructuring of Euro

Morgan Stanley & Co. has raised its rating on Disney to "buy" from "bold," and Salomon Brothers Inc. has also made a buy recommendation on Disney stock Margo Vigaola, an analyst at Salomon, said that Disney's carnings comparisons

Euro Disney's problems aside, Walt Disney, with its programming assets, should be a strong "information

superhighway" play. "should improve throughout the year, especially in Euro Disney," and the company has two full-length animated films set for spring 1994 release, "The Lion King" and "Poca-

In addition, video sales of Disney's "Aladdin" film have been strong in the United States, on top of its outstanding box-office performance. The video is due to be marketed internationally this quarter, Ms. Vignola said.

Ms. Williams at Prudential said Disney made \$7 in profit on every sale of a videocas-

sette of one of its films.

She said the video release of "Beauty and the Beast" had added almost \$150 million to

eo release of "Beauty and the Beast" should raise video profit by 50 percent for the year

ending this September.

Both Ms. Williams and Alan Kassan at Morgan Stanley forecast that Disney will earn about \$2.00 a share in the current financial year, compared with 55 cents a share in the year to September 1993. Before charges for accounting changes and its loss on Euro Disney, earnings last year were \$1.63 a share.
According to Mr. Kassan, from 1986 to
1992, Disney's stock price averaged 20 times

its earnings per share. His forecast for the current year puts that price/earnings ratio at 22, which he says would be a record high for the company — but still, he says, a justifiable level, given recent growth in Disney's film and consumer-products units.

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Analysts said that, despite an expected rise in travel this year that should boost Disney's theme-park revenues, the theme-parks business was essentially a mature operation, and Disney's revenue and profit growth was likely to come mainly from its film and consumer-

products divisions.

"Going Iorward," Mr. Kassan said, "the film business warrants a higher valuation than in the past, in view of the greater upside in the animation area and the potential new pay-per-view and foreign revenue streams."
For the year to September 1993, filmed entertainment and consumer products ac-

counted for 59.7 percent of Disney's revenue. Ms. Williams said her near-term shareprice target for Disney was at least \$50 to \$55 a share. The stock was quoted Thursday at \$45.625, up 75 cents. She sees long-term annual earnings growth

averaging 18 percent and adds that on a cash-flow basis, Disney has an asset value of

around \$66 a share.

Disney's operating profit in the year ended in September 1993, and she said the video release of "Aladim" and the international vid-

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Compiled by Our Staff From Desparches NEW YORK - Blue-chip stocks firmed Thursday as investors concentrated on a rally in bonds that was sparked by Labor Secretary.

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Robert B. Reich, who suggested job growth in December had fallen short of expections.

The Dow Jones industrial index topped the barrier of 3,800 for the first time, climbing 5.06 points, to 3,803,88. It had risen 14.92 points

Volume on the Big Board was about 357.53 million shares, down from 375.13 million on Wednesday. Mr. Reich said that the employment report due Friday would probably show a gain of 160,000 to 200,000 nonfarm jobs. less than

generally forecast. The implication that the economy may not be growing as rapidly as believed underpinned the bond market, which would suffer from inflation that accompanied a strong expansion. The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond was up 22/32 in late trading, at 98 24/32.

ers said there was still considerable optimism about the economy. 'We believe the strength in the

economy will continue into the first quarter, despite some of the numbers this week," said Robert von Pentz, chief investment officer of Riggs Investment Management Corp., which oversees about \$2.5 billion in assets. "The big engines of economic growth, housing and autos, are still firmly in place."

Circuit City Stores paced the New York Stock Exchange actives, falling 4½ to 17%. The company said same-store sales, or sales in stores open at least a year, rose 8 percent in December. But it also said it expected its earnings to be flat in the coming financial year. Kmart was second followed, off

1% to 19%. The retail giant said same-store sales rose 1.1 percent in December, "but the gain was adversely affected by significant decimes at the soon-to-be-divested PACE Membership Warehouse and PayLess Drug Store businesses."

Adobe Systems led the Nasdaq actives, up 4 to 261/2 after rating upgrades from Alex. Brown & Sons and Hambrecht & Quist. After the

market closed Wednesday, the The yield was quoted at 6.34 percent, down from 6.4 percent. ent, down from 6.4 percent.

Although bond investors took the graphic software maker reported fourth-quarter earnings of 34 cents a view that the economy was not as share, up from 18 cents a year ago, strong as had been supposed, deal(Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder, UP1)

Dollar Passes 1.74 DM But Slips Against Yen

AFP-Extel News

NEW YORK — The dollar rose against the Deutsche mark and other European currencies but fell against the yen Thursday.

Hugh Walsh, a dealer at ING Bank, said American fund managers entered the market to buy the dollar against the Deutsche mark and the Swiss franc even though

Foreign Exchange

the Bundesbank decided not to reduce key German interest rates. Although firmer interest rates normally would make a currency more attractive to investors, he said, the trend lately in Europe has been for countries that cut their interest rates to see their currencies strengthen, in the expectation that lower interest rates will help weak

Mr. Walsh said Quantum Fund. headed by George Soros, had been an active buyer of dollars at around 1.7370 DM. This. he said, helped push the dollar through resistance levels at 1,7400 DM and 1,7425 DM, triggering more buying orders from bank dealers and customers eager to take part in its rally.

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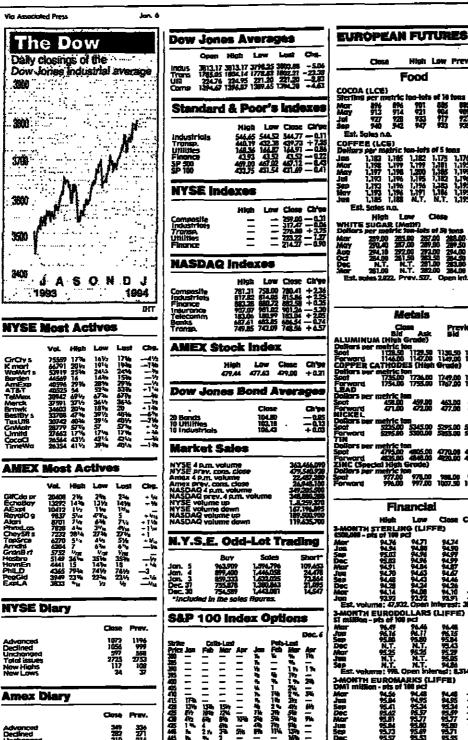
Amy Smith, senior foreign-exchange analyst for IDEA in New York, said recent data had shown the need for a rate cut in Germany to give the economy a lift. She predicted the mark would to weaken until the next Bundesbank central council meeting in two weeks.
"Paradoxically," she said, "when
the Bundesbank does finally cut rates, the mark should strengthen."

The dollar, meanwhile, recreated below the 112.90-yen level at which it was trading before Treasury Sec-retary Lloyd Bentsen said Wednesday that allowing the yen to weaken was not an acceptable way out of recession for Japan.

Lisa Finstrom, an analyst at Smith Barney Shearson, said Mr. Rentsen's comment represented "a shot across the bow for the Japanese government." She said she believed the comment had been intended basically to make clear to them that the U.S. will not let them out of their pledges to open their domestic mar-kets and to boost growth."

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BUCHAREST - Daewoo Motor Co., the South Korean industrial giant, is to pay \$156 million for a controlling stake in a venture with Romania's carmaker Oltcit SA, the Industry Ministry said Thursday. This is part of a major South Korean investment drive in the formerly

ministry spokesman, Cornel Florea.

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The AEX index tracks the 24 leading shares in Amsterdam, and will become the single barometer for stock trading in the Netherlands, the Amsterdam Stock Exchange said.

st country, Romanian officials said. "This is the biggest investment in Romanian industry so far," said a

Under the deal, Daewoo will inject \$156 million and will hold 51 percent of the venture with Oltcit, a state-owned car factory in Craiova, 300 kilometers (190 miles) west of Bucharest, Mr. Florea said.

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Holiday Retail Sales a Mixed Bag

WASHINGTON (Combined Dispatches) — The biggest American retailers announced a hodgepodge of December sales figures Thursday, with some companies doing well while others cked out positive results for the Christmas season only after slashing prices.

Discount and department stores posted gains, while appared retailers, hurt by consumer distate for current fashions, did poorly. But, backing that trend, J.C. Penney Co., which concentrates on appared, did well by selling affordable clothes that people wanted.

The season showed how volatile retailing can be. Wal-Mart Stores Inc., considered the fitan of industry, and Kmart Corp. said their sales were hurt by their flailing warchouse stores. But once-sagging Sears, Roebuck & Co.

by their flailing warehouse stores. But onco-sagging Sears, Roebuck & Co. continued its comeback, scoring sales a sales gain of 10.7 percent.

Salomon Brothers Inc.'s retail index, the investment from's barometer

of sales performance, rose 4.3 percent after a 2.9 percent gain in November. In December 1992, the index rose 7.4 percent, reflecting the industry's first good Christmas in four years. (AP, Bloomberg)

Hewlett to Buy 15% of Taligent

MENLO PARK, California (Combined Dispatches) — Hewlett-Packard Co. said it had agreed to buy a 15 percent stake in Taligent, the software venture between Apple Computer Inc. and International Busi-

ness Machines Corp.

Hewlett-Packard said that under the agreement it would use Taligent's products and technologies on its flagship HP-UX operating system. In addition, Taligent will license open-systems technologies from Hewlett.

Financial terms of the agreement were not available.

Founded in 1992, Taligent is mainly an effort to prevent Microsoft Corp. from ruling the market for computer programs used by corporations, as it already does in personal-computer software. (AFX, NYT)

GM in Engine Venture With China

DETROIT (Renters) — General Motors Corp. announced a \$30 million joint venture with the Chinese government Thursday to manufacmillion joint venture with the Chinese government Thursday to maintacture and sell automotive engine management systems in China.

Total investment in the venture, Beijing Wan Yuan-GM Automotive Electronic Control Co. Ltd., could reach \$120 million during subsequent phases, GM said, J.T. Battenberg, GM vice president, said the U.S. automaker would hold a 51 percent stake in the venture.

Beijing Wan Yuan Industry Corp., a China Aerospace Corp. unit that makes lamching vehicles for space satellites, will have 39 percent. Beijing Economic Technology Investment Development Corp., controlled by the Beijing mimicipal government, is to have a 10 percent stake.

Hope Seen for Consumer Electronics

LAS VEGAS (UPI) — The consumer electronics industry will see moderate growth of about 4.4 percent this year, to \$41.4 billion in sales, a trade group forecast Thursday. The industry's growth for 1993 was 6.3 percent, a sign that after two years, the U.S. economy has ended its malaise.

"The mood is upbear because we have an economic recovery," said Jerry
Kalov, chairman of the Electronics Industries Association, at the opening

Kalov, chairman of the Electronics Industries Association, at the opening of the Winter Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. "The retailers that just had good Christmases are coming into the show eager to bury."

The trade group predicted that video products would post 3 percent growth this year, after an 8.6 percent increase last year. Audio products, up 5.3 percent last year, will increase by 4 percent this year and houte information products will match their 7 percent growth rate of last year.

For the Record

California Federal Bank plans to sell its 43 Florida branches and its single Georgia branch and try to raise up to \$300 million through stock sales, refocusing on core California and Nevada operations.

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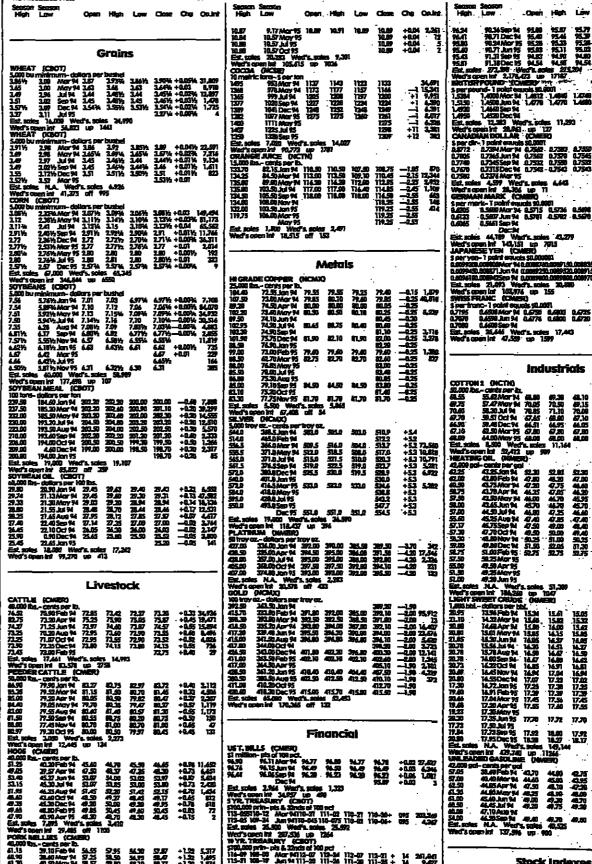
Dell Computer Corp.'s chief technology officer, G. Glenn Henry, joined MIPS Technologies as director of the PC division, MIPS announced Thursday. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. said Thursday that it had created a divi-

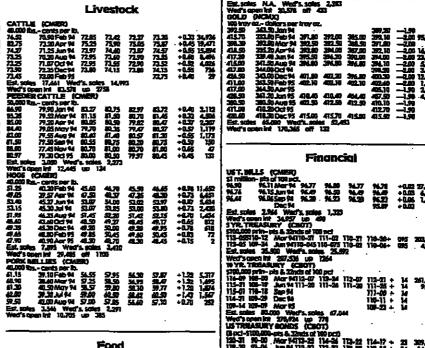
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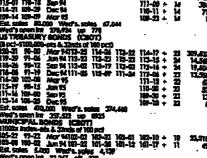


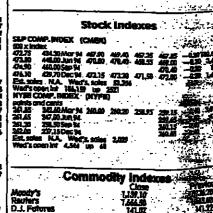


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A Tough Year, **But Airbus Sales** Up 14% Anyway

TOULOUSE, France - Airbus Industrie, the European civil aircraft maker, said its sales rose 14 percent, to \$8.3 billion, last year even as a wave of cancellations hit its order book.

In its review of the 1993 commercial aircraft market, which Airbus called "one of the most difficult on record," the company said it had booked orders for 38 aircraft, valued at \$3.5 billion. Airbus had said previously that it suffered 56 cancellations during the year.

Airbus Industrie is a partnership among Aerospatiale of France, Daimler-Benz AG's Deutsche Aerospace AG unit, British Aerospace PLC and Construcciones Aeronauticas SA of Spain.

The company delivered 138 planes in 1993, including 20 in December, its best month. Airbus said demand began to increase toward the end of last year.

but it did not predict a real recovery from 1993's "severely depressed" market. Boeing Co. and McDonnell Douglas Corp., the two other major deferred orders. Airlines sought to cut their financial obligations after three years of massive losses, by delaying the purchase of new planes.

Airbus said the weak market did not prevent its having one of the most active years ever in launching

In March 1993, Airbus's new four-engine widebody A-340 began service, and in late December the manufacturer delivered the first twin-jet widebody A-330 to Air Inter, the French domestic airline. Airbus also offered the singleaisle, 124-seat A-319, a small version of its A-320, and Air Inter said Thursday that it had placed an order

for nine A-319s for delivery between July 1996 and mid-1997. It has taken options to buy nine other craft. The aircraft maker said nearly two-thirds of the 38 orders it had booked last year were for the expensive widebody craft, a greater

proportion than in previous years. The new four-engine widebody A-340 did particularly well, with 15 orders placed by Virgin Atlantic Airways, Air Mauritius and China makers of large commercial aircraft, Aviation Supplies Corp.,

Banesto: Now Come the Questions Many Say Problems Could Have Been Found Earlier

By Jacques Neher

PARIS - A week after the Bank of Spain seized control of Banco Español de Crédito and sacked its management to try to head off a run on deposits, financial specialists are asking why the central bank did not discover or act on Banesto's problems much earlier. More thorough inspections, they say, would have given investors a more accurate view of Banesto before they agreed to participate in a 93 billion peseta (\$645.3 million) rights issue last summer - buying stock that

now may be worth little or nothing. While much of the attention in the case has been focused on J.P. Morgan & Co., the rights issue, and Price Waterhouse & Co., the bank's auditor, analysts say Spain's central bank and stock-market regulators may have misled investors when they approved the prospectus for the rights issue,

They also criticize regulators for not noticing, or not disclosing, that Banesto had purchased nearly 30 percent of its own stock. Spanish banks are not permitted to own more than 5 percent of their own shares.

Banesto, Spain's fourth-largest bank in

terms of deposits, was taken over by the central bank Dec. 28, with authorities saying its balance sheet had deteriorated since last summer and that it needed at least 500 billion pesetas to get on a sound financial footing. Officials of the central bank could not be reached Thursday for further comment because of a holiday in Spain.

Critics of Spain's handling of the case acknowledge that the bank's finances could have worsened since summer, but they also say many of Banesto's problems existed long before the stock flotation and should have been detected by a bank examiner's audit earlier in 1993. The positive results of that audit were often cited by Banesto in presenta-

tions it made before the rights issue. "The prospectus approved by the Bank of

The prospectus indicated the bank's net worth was 400 billion pesetas; now we're told it's zero or less.'

Keith Baird, analyst, Kleinwort Benson Securities

Spain and the stock exchange gave audited figures indicating the bank's net worth was 400 billion pesetas, but now we're told it's zero or less," said Keith Baird, analyst with Kleinwort Benson Securities. "How could assets have been so overvalued? What on

Another London analyst, a former bank auditor, said the central bank had erred in the audit by looking only at Banesto's large loans, made mostly to blue-chip customers. "Common sense would have told you that different types of loans have different rates of is why the examiners only looked at the large loans without doing even a sampling of the smaller loans.

Such a sampling, he said, would have shown that the smaller loans were of much poorer quality and would require substantial lditional provisions against losses.

The central bank apparently relied on Price Waterhouse's auditors' assessment of the smaller loans until last autumn, when its examiners conducted a more thorough audit. "There's a prima-facie case to ask why the

loan portfolio overvaluation wasn't picked up by either the Bank of Spain or Price Water-house," he said. "There's a lot of people caught with their trousers down." Mr. Baird of Kleinwort Benson also questioned the central bank's tardiness in replac-

ing Mario Conde and his management team only last week. "If Conde wasn't fit, why has he been allowed to be president for the past five

years?" he asked. Mr. Conde, who has made no statement since his ouster, is expected hold a news conference next week to give his side of the story. An interim management has been put in place by the central bank and charged with

reordering Banesto's finances.

Meanwhile, investors, faced with the possibility of their holdings in Banesto being wiped out in an eventual recapitalization, are expected to sue for damages as soon as they can identify those at fault.

percent last year.

year after having contracted 1.5

But the institute, in unusually

clear language, said the chances the economy would, get worse were "greater than the chances it will get

Mr. Tietmeyer waved aside the

criticism. "The Bundesbank is only

responsible for German monetary

policy," he said. Although the law

obligates the central bank to advise the federal government on other

issues such as deficit spending and

taxation, "the decision is up to

He added that the government

appeared to be doing everything it could to exercise fiscal responsibil-

ity despite the difficulty of cutting

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Bayerische Motoren Werke AG's sales in the United States shot up 17.6 percent last year to 77,301 vehicles, the best showing of any European

Nestié SA said the Polish government has approved its acquisition for \$43 million of a 47 percent stake in Goplana, a chocolate and candy producer in Poznan, with an option to increase its stake to 51 percent.

 Aer Risota, the state-backed company that runs the Irish Republic's main airports, said it has won the contract to provide duty-free shopping at both ends of the Channel Tunnel. The company already operates dutyfree facilities in Moscow, St. Petersburg, on the Finnish-Russian border,

 Belgium's gross domestic product increased 0.4 percent in the third quarter of 1993 from second quarter, the second quarter in a row of growth. The central bank also revised its figure for growth in the second quarter to 1.1 percent from a previous estimate of 0.7 percent.

• France's finance minister, Edmond Alphandery, said that core share-holders will hold 10 percent of the capital of Eff Aquitaine after its privatization. He said that bids would be sought from core shareholders for 8.5 percent of its shares, while the remaining 1.5 percent would be held ion des Assurances de Paris.

Dixons Tumbles Into Loss

AFP-Extel News

LONDON — Dixons Group year. PLC announced a pretax loss Thursday of £196.7 million (\$292.8 million) for the half year ending Nov. 13, sending the electronics

retailer's stock sharply lower. The company had posted a profit of £14 million a year ago. Its stock

fell 43 pence, or 15.2 percent, to 240 pence, in London trading.

It said that the profit fall in the six-month reporting period was largely caused by a loss of £210.5 million linked to the sale of the Silo Holdings Inc. chain in the United States. Operating profit had risen by 3 percent, to £19.4 million, in

Sales of television sets, videoca-Dixons said its operating profit sette players and audito systems for the full year, weakened by stag-nant sales at Christmas, would be computer games fell.

IMF: Officials and Economists Are Split Over Strategy for Russian Aid

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Group of Seven leading industrial-Since last spring, the IMF has released only \$1.5 billion of a \$3 billion special loan program intended to help Russia make the transition to a market economy. The remaining funds are being held up because of Moscow's failure to

cut Russia's inflation rate and carry out some promised economic reforms. The behind-the-scenes struggle has developed since last month, when Vice President Al Gore accused the IMF of being too strict in

The debate pits the critics against the management of the IMF, which will send a delegation to Moscow about a week after Mr. Clinton's visit. At stake initially will be the second \$1.5 billion tranche of the special loans and, later, as much as \$4.1 billion of badly needed standby credits and \$6 billion of potential currency-

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its conditions for loans to Russia.

warned in an interview that the sia's loan eligibility. IMF had been placing "too much emphasis on the traditional macro- IMF because they don't want to

economic policy process." Mr. Corrigan said Russia faced forthcoming." He said the IMF should express its economic targets for Russia in broader ranges and "build in an element of flexibility."

Jeffrey D. Sachs, the outspoken Harvard professor who is an economic adviser to the Russian govthe IMF had "failed miserably" because it was "an international bureaucracy that is very narrowly fo-

Mr. Sachs suggested that instead

York Fed president whom Mr. Clinton should admit they have Clinton named last year to chair done this wrong and work out new

the Russian-American Enterprise aid at a political level."
Fund, a bilateral investment program, has views similar to those of central bank official, however, ar-Mr. Gore about the IMF's hangued against pressing the IMF to dling of loans for Russia. He deviate from the way it judges Rus-

give more bilateral money them-selves," the official said. "Let the "the danger of a major setback if governments shell out funds if they more effective and timely aid is not consider it politically urgent." consider it politically urgent." The White House has made it

clear that Mr. Clinton is not likely to bring fresh U.S. aid offers to Moscow. This is partly because of congressional resistance to going beyond the already approved \$2.5 billion of U.S. aid and the \$1.6 ernment, went even further, saying billion of food and other credits promised at last year's Clinton-Yeltsin summit meeting in Vancouver, Canada.

This week, in an unusual move that underscored its sensitivity to of asking the IMF to handle large the criticism, the IMF and the loan programs for Russia, "the World Bank made available a five-Group of Seven and President page memo defending themselves.

managing director, added that the organization had encouraged Russia "to take bold steps" to create a more effective social safety net, and he said it would intensify those

Reflecting the IMF's institutional mandate, Mr. Camdessus contended that it was necessary to help Russia take credible steps toward solving macroeconomic problems, stabilizing prices and stopping cap-

At the heart of the dispute is the question of whether the IMF should soften conditions for fresh loans to Russia. Last year, Moscow failed to receive more loans when it missed targets for reducing infla-tion and its budget deficits. The monthly inflation rate fell from a peak of 26 percent in Au-

gust to about 12 percent in December, but this was still above the target of single-digit inflation. Russia's budget delicit as a proportion of its gross domestic product was supposed to decline to 5 percent by the end of 1993.

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in their populism and incapable of making unconventional decisions," he said at a party congress in Stutt-

The critical report coincided with a decision by the Bundes-bank's policy-setting Central Bank Council on Thursday to leave the benchmark discount rate unchanged, at 5.75 percent. The Bundesbank also said it would keep its most important market rate unchanged at 6.0 percent at least until Jan. 19, a day before its

next policy session. Heiner Flassbeck, the senior institute economist who presented the report, said the Bundesbank had kept German interest rates too high for too long. "Economic conditions in Germany are extremely precarious," he said, adding that the role of monetary policy in the malaise had been underestimated.

The government and some independent economists have predicted that the German economy will ex-

■ Belgium Cuts Key Rate Belgium's central bank cut its key central interest rate for moneymarket lending by 0.15 percentage point Thursday, to 7.10 percent, The Associated Press reported

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Shanghai Petrochemical Raises Stakes

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Shanghai Petrochemical will invest to 70 percent in China Jin Shan Associated Trading Co., which trades petrochemicals, synthetic fibers and plastics. Shanghai Petrochemical also will also invest 34 million yuan to boost also invest 34

HONG KONG — Shanghai Petrochemical Co. said Thursday it increased its stake in two Chinese rading companies.

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China's New Tax Alarms Foreign **Property Firms**

estate developers in China face tax visit Beijing to seek concessions. bills of as much as 90 percent of their profits on deals as a result of Beijing's new tax system, tax and real estate consultants in Hong Kong said Thursday.

Accountants in the British colony said the changes made by China at the start of 1994 might have been a deliberate attempt to clamp down on property speculation, which has been one of the reasons China's inflation is running at more than 20 percent a year.

Asahi and Itochu Purchase Control Of China Brewer

Agence France-Presse

TOKYO - Asahi Breweries Ltd. and Itochi Corp. announced Thursday the acquisition of a 75 percent stake in a Hong Kong company and plans to invest \$35 million in three of its breweries in China.

The companies said they bought the controlling stake in CSI Brewery Ltd., previously a wholly owned unit of China Strategic Investment Ltd., for an undisclosed sum. News re-

ports put the figure at \$20 million. China Strategic, a Hong Kong-listed company whose major shareholders are Indonesia's Sanion Enterprises. Singapore businessman Oci Hong Leong and Hong Kong tycoon Li Ka-Shing, originally ran the British colony's Ruby restaurant chain and now has dozens of property and manufacturing investments in China.

The acquisition, amounting to 45 percent for Asahi and 30 percent for Itochu, gives them management rights over two breweries in Zhe-

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

Young Sam, hailing South Ko-

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Mr. Kim put priority on a

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SEOUL - President Kim

Developers in Hong Kong. HONG KONG — Foreign real alarmed by the new system, plan to China's real estate market surged last year as the country's economy

grew by 13 percent. Hong Kong developers and others were quick to snap up prime sites in the country's booming coastal provinces, and Hong Kong-based companies are the biggest foreign investors in Chinese real estate.

Formerly, developers selling land in China paid a 5 percent sales tax and a 33 percent company tax.

But under the new rules, net profits would first be subject to a graduated "real gains tax" of 30 percent to 60 percent, with the two previously existing taxes imposed on top of that.

H. K. Yue, a specialist on Chinese taxation at the accounting firm Price Waterhouse & Co., said: "The big question is whether this tax is deductible for income-tax purposes. If not, then the total tax rates could amount to something like 93 percent."

Cheng Yu-tung, chairman of New World Development Co., was quoted in the Hong Kong Economic Journal as saying the new tax

would hurt investment in China. Some analysts, however, pointed out that real estate speculation was one of Deputy Prime Minister Zhu Rongi's targets in an austerity drive that was launched last summer but appears to have faded out lately.

Maybe Zhu Rongji wants to put the brakes on China's economy at this stage, especially property de-velopment," said Marshall Byres, chairman of tax services for the accountants Ernst & Young in Hong Kong.

He said representatives of Ernst & Young and of 14 major Hong Kong real estate developers would be among those visiting Beijing for talks on the new regulations.

Mr. Kim said preliminary es-

timates pointed to a \$2 billion

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current-account surplus in 1993.
The trade ministry reported

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Southeast Asian Stocks Defy Gravity

TOKYO - An explosion in stock-market prices across Southeast Asia has forced investors to reconsider traditional definitions of

cheap and expensive.

With key indexes last year rising from 59 percent in Singapore to 152 percent in the Philippines, historical valuations of stocks have gone out the window. Price to earnings ratios have soared as stocks have risen faster

than corporate earnings can keep pace.
"Some sectors are at absurd levels based on historical level of earnings," said Hans Black, chief executive officer of Interinvest Corp., the North American unit of H.B. Investment & Finanz AG of Zurich.

On Thursday, concern that prices have gone out of whack hit the Hong Kong stock market, where the Hang Seng index of 33 top issues plunged 793.43 points, or 6.52 percent, to 11,374.50. The carnage marked the Hang

Seng's second-biggest point decline ever.

"The market is very risky for foreign investors because you just don't know how much more cash is going to keep coming into the market," said Scott Huang, an investment strategist with Fidelity Investments (Taiwan) Ltd. Fidelity manages the Taiwan Fund, which is listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

The effect of a flood of new mutual fund money in Southeast Asian markets worries some analysts, who say prices have risen into speculative territory that cannot be justified by he underlying strength of the companies, even given the region's dynamic growth prospects. Mr. Huang estimates that Taiwanese stocks are now trading about 40 times projected 1994 earnings, compared with 38.5 for the Dow Jones industrial average and 23 for

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an bourses is set to double, to \$4 billion, this year following the entry of foreign investors

and a growing interest abroad in its buoyant

Foreign investors were allowed into India's

sheltered bourses in September 1992, and

overseas brokerage houses were only recently

permitted to conduct correspondent business

Global public issues of blue-chip Indian

companies last year also fetched a better

response than expected, according to brokers

capital markets, analysts said Thursday.

BOMBAY - Foreign investment in Indi-

the broader Standard & Poor's index of 500 now," Mr. Mulcahy said, "is that in the latter

U.S. stocks. The plunge in Hong Kong illustrated the worry that a rally based primarily on new

noney will not last. "The market is entirely liquidity-driven right now and there is less and less value to be found, especially among the property stocks," said Ravi Narain, research director at Peregrine Brokerage.

The average price-to-earnings ratio for the 33 shares in the Hang Seng index of top issues

'The market is very risky for foreign investors because you just don't know how much more cash is going to keep coming in.'

Scott Huang, Fidelity Investments (Taiwan).

has risen to 20.3 times forecast 1993 earnings from about 12.5 times a year ago, according to John Mulcahy, managing director at UBS

Securities Hong Kong.

The price-to-earnings ratio of the Hong Kong market has not been as high as this since just before the October 1987 collapse, which sent prices tumbling in the territory

on the Bombay Stock Exchange, India's prin-

vin Shah of Smith Newcourt, a global invest-ment firm. "The market will be generally

good with only some minor hiccups expected

after the budget and if the monsoon fails."

The agriculture sector's fortunes depend on

adequate rains during the monsoon season.

The capital inflow could rise by \$1 billion

if New Delhi allowed companies floating new

issues to place shares privately with the for-

eign institutional investors, Mr. Shah said.

The fund manager said that, worldwide,

"Everybody is bullish on India," said Pra-

and in other major markets.

stages of the 1987 runup a lot of the action was in the real dross among the smaller company stocks, while this is currently very much

blue-chip market." He said he expected the index to rise to the 14,000-to-14,500 range, about 15 percent more, before it suffers a major retreat, possibly of 2,000 points.

"We will have to reach around 20 times expected 1994 earnings before the jitters set in," he said. Currently the index companies are on about an average 17.5 times, he said.

Southeast Asian economies - and the companies within them — hold tremendous potential for growth. Even without China, real economic growth in the region is expected to rise 6.3 percent in 1994, according to Nomira Research Institute. That compares with just I.1 percent real growth forecast for industrialized countries by the Organization for Eco-

nomic Cooperation and Development. The prospects for China make the picture even more attractive. With economic growth of 12 percent to 13 percent forecast for 1994, China is quickly becoming seen as a reason for investing in the region, rather than a risk.

"China as a whole is pulling the entire region along at a good clip," said Brian Seche, director of investments at Kenneth J. Gerbino & Co., a manager of \$80 million in assets, including \$15 million invested outside the U.S. "Twelve percent growth in China can pull other countries along."

But even where China isn't much of a factor, strong earnings growth could make today's stock values look cheap, some region-

there was an inflow of money from fixed-

interest instruments such as bonds into equi-

ties because of low interest rates. "India will

At least \$4 billion will be invested in Indian

markets by European, Japanese and American companies, predicted Ajit Dayal of Jardine Fleming India Securities.

Navinder Sahni of Marlin Partners U.K.

"The inflow in 1994 will easily surpass that

said foreign investment would shift from the overpriced Australasian markets to India.

get part of the overflow." he added.

Foreign Investment in India Markets Poised to Grow

• STAR Television Ltd. confirmed a published report that Gary Dave? would succeed Jim Griffiths as chief executive. The satellite broadcast also said its audience in Asia had risen to around 20 million houselecid. late last year from 11.2 million in February, despite restrictions imp. by China on private ownership of satellite dishes.

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• Japan set up an emergency task force to cope with rising unemple. ment. Its jobless rate of 2.8 percent, while one of the lowest in the world. is the highest level Japan has seen in almost six years.

• Mitsubishi Electric Corp.'s credit rating was lowered by Mood.

Investors Service: the move, which also applied to financing units in Britain and the United States, affected \$1.1 billion of long-term debt.

• Japan's television imports surged 92.4 percent in November. from 471,000 units a year earlier; an industry group said the figure many Japan for the first time would be a net importer of television sets for the full year, as production has shifted to countries with lower costs.

• Tiber's first stock-trading center will open in mid-January in Lla axinhua news agency said, and will be linked by satellite to China's stock exchanges in Shenzhen and Shanghai.

• Taiwan's trade surplus last year narrowed 16.8 percent, to a nine y low of \$7.87 billion, as a result of the global economic slowdown and an import boom, the Finance Ministry said.

 Vietasm will display products from more than 100 American companies at an exhibition in April, Vietnamerica Expo-94, the trade union newspaper Lao Dong said.

Jakarta Budget Cuts Oil Role

Seoul Opens Its Doors get for 1994-95 that increases spending by more than 9 percent in cluding commercial loans, especially into the development of duced role for the energy industry. infrastructure," he said.

Mr. Suharto, presenting the budget to parliament, said it balanced revenue and spending at 69,749 bil-lion rupiah (\$33.02 billion). Sectors other than oil and gas are

expected to account for a bigger share of the increase than the energy sector in the year beginning in April. Those sectors are projected to contribute 46,885 billion rupiah. an increase of 26.9 percent.

Oil and gas were expected to contribute 12,851 billion rupiah, which would be 18.4 percent of the

percent in the current fiscal year. JAKARTA — President Subarto on Thursday unveiled a draft bud-get for 1994-95 that increases harto said. But although dependence on energy exports would be dollar terms but envisions a re-duced role for the energy industry.

reduced, Indonesia — which is a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries -

would continue to receive a major

portion of its revenue and foreign-

cipal bourse.

exchange earnings from oil over the next five years, he said. Mr. Suharto said the 1994-95 budget figures assumed an average oil price of \$16 a barrel, compared with \$17 in the current budget. Market prices recently, however,

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Hostetler's Next Task: Lead Raiders Past Broncos (Again)

By Tom Friend
New York Times Service

LOS ANGELES - Jeff Hostetler has been more stuntman than quarterback. He has fixed flat tires, fixed a flat Los Angeles Raiders offense and has done so with screws loose in both knees. "Hopefully, I won't make any trips to the side-lines this week," Hostetler said. On Sunday against Denver, he will start his first

playoff game since the 1991 Super Bowl — "Seems like I was a Giant a million years ago," Hostetler said - and he has what an amateur doctor would call a body sprain. It is his own fault for loitering so long in the pocket, but, on the other hand, it takes time for Tim Brown, the wide receiver who is headed for the Pro Bowl, to evade triple coverage.

"Maybe he should throw to someone else,"

If anything, it proves Al Davis and Ray Handley are on the same wavelength: They both be-lieved in Hostetler. Handley's replacement in New York, Dan Reeves, chose Phil Simms over Hos-

tetler, but Davis, the Raider owner, picked Hos-tetler last winter over Bobby Hebert, Jim Harbaugh, Don Majkowski and Boomer Esiason. The normally frugal Davis then signed him to a three-

year, \$7.6 million contract. "Jeff's earned every cent," defensive tackle

For Hostetler, it is harder to name what doesn't hurt. He has injured both knees, kept aggravating a sprained right ankle, jammed his throwing shoul-der, bruised his ribs, absorbed a concussion in a Green Bay chill - and missed only one game.

This guy has taken hits a normal man wouldn't be able to get off the ground from," said the Raiders coach, Art Shell. "You wouldn't be able

They should have known from his first hour on the job. The offense coach, Mike White, and a team intern drove him to get a physical, and their car had a flat tire on the freeway.

"The kid driving didn't know what he was doing." White said. "We're in the middle of the 405

freeway, and Jeff jumps out of the car and basically changes the tire. He had some skill there, too." The first people Hostetler ran into at training

camp were Raider defensive linemen, who, by

instinct, are skeptical of quarterbacks.
"I mean, it's the first day," said Greg Townsend, a defensive end. "Several of us were lifting weights, and Hosteller actually joined in. He didn't know anybody, and he lifted with us. First day! You

Eventually, the defensive linemen sent him there he belonged - to the offense. The previous Raider quarterbacks had been Todd Marinovich, who surfed nude, and the erratic Jay Schroeder. Neither had been overly popular. Hostetler, as a result, had to blend in, and the

linemen adored him as soon as he brought a deck of cards to the locker room. "He wasn't a typical quarterback, with a big ego or aloof," said Steve Wisniewski, a Pro Bowl

Hostetler contributed on and off the field. First,

he set the Raider record for most yards thrown in a game (424 against San Diego in October). Then, when Greg Robinson, the starting halfback, went down four games ago with a knee injury, he became their leading active rusher (202 yards and five touchdowns on 55 scrambles). And then he set the Raider provider most practical ideas in a case of the starting halfback with other offensive linemen, and, following a December victory over Tampa Bay, they conspired to steal Hostetler's clothes from his locker. When Hostetler returned from his post-game shower he had nothing to wear, and only one teammate was still in the room. Raider record for most practical jokes in a season.

"Bill Meyers, our offensive line coach, and I got dressed after a game and went home," Wisniewski said. "And when we took our shoes off, our feet were all blue like we'd stepped in paint. Hoss had put a clear dye in our shoes that, when it blended in with our feet, turned blue."

Simple soap and water did not remove the dye, and Wisniewski vowed revenge.

Took about two weeks and about 45 minutes of

scrubbing, and the blue was still there," he said.
"Oh, well, keeps everybody on their toes," said Hostetler, who also put hot balm in Long's underwear. "And a lot of times it takes some of the

tenseness out of the locker room."

"It was me," said Don Mosebar, the center. "He looked around and grabbed my clothes."

Hostetler left the stadium that day barefoot,

wearing baggy sweat pants and an oversized shirt.
"Well, he instigated it," Wisniewski said. Hostetler's best practical joke may have been getting the Raiders (10-6) to the playoffs after going 7-9 last season. A loss last Sunday to Denver would have eliminated them, and they trailed the Broncos by 30-13 with 25 minutes to go.

Talk about staying in the pocket until the last possible second: Hostetler's touchdown pass with one second left tied the game, 30-30, and the Raiders eventually won in overtime.

Fiery Wildcats Give Purdue a Scare

Glenn Robinson had praise heaped upon him once again. Northwestern heard good things for the first time in a long while.

Robinson, considered the best player in the Big Ten, had 34 points, including the game-winning jumper with nine seconds to play,

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to lead No. 10 Purdue to a 68-67 victory over Northwestern, the conference doormat for years.

"Basically, it came down to a superstar as good as advertised," said the Wildcats' coach, Ricky Byrdsong, "There were a couple of areas of the game we could have controlled better - rebounding

Jordan on Deck At Comiskey? Chisox Say No

CHICAGO - Michael Jordan has been in a batting cage at Comiskey Park, but no, that does not mean the retired Chicago Bulls superstar wants a tryout with the Chicago White Sox, officials of the major league baseball club said.

Sure, he's been here," the White Sox general manager, Ron Schueler, said Wednesday of the former National Basketball Association star. "He's been taking some swings and playing catch. Basically, he's got three or four bours a day with nothing to do, so he's coming in here and working

about spring training."
The Chicago Sun-Times quoted an unidentified source as saying Jordan, 30, was seriously considering reporting to the White Sox preseason training camp in Sarasota, Florida,

when it opens Feb. 16.

Jordan's only previous experience playing baseball was in Little League.

and turnovers -- but you can't con-

Robinson, held scoreless for the first 71/2 minutes as Purdue fell behind 22-9, never took Northwestern for granted. After all, the Wildcats entered the game unbeaten and had beaten the Boilermakers last season to snap a 60-game road losing streak in the conference.

said Robinson, who also had 14 rebounds and two blocks. They bear us last year and everybody laughed at us. They are going to be laughing a lot at other teams this year.

That is the kind of thing not heard in the Big Ten for many years, but the Wildcats won their nine games and have looked solid during preconference play. A 3-pointer by Robinson gave Purdue (12-0) a 66-61 lead. But Pat

Baldwin scored three straight times to give the Wildcats a 67-66 lead with 40 seconds remaining.

Robinson then hit a 10-foot (3meter) jumper with three defenders in his face for the win.

No. 1 Arkansas 87, Mississippi 61: The Razorbacks (10-0, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) used a 20-0 run to set the defensive tone and cruised again at home as Cor-liss Williamson had 25 points. Mis-sissippi (5-4, 0-1) had 20 turnovers

No. 2 North Carolina 88, North Carolina St. 58: The Tar Heels (11-1, 1-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their ninth straight and have defeated the Wolfpack (4-7, 0-1) by an average of 36 points over the last

No. 3 Duke 71, Clemson 65: The Blue Devils (8-0) opened ACC play with a victory for the seventh straight year as Grant Hill scored 22 points and Clemson (6-4, 0-1) was held to two free throws over the final three minutes by visiting Duke. No. 5 Kansas 90, N.C.-Asheville

44: Steve Woodberry had 16 points to lead the Jayhawks (14-1) to their 10th straight victory. The Bulldogs (2-6) went 10 minutes without a basket early in the second half and lost their 20th straight road game. No. 9 Arizona 98, Arizona St. 81: Guards Damon Stoudamire and Khalid Reeves had 30 and 24



Chris Corchiani fouled Terrell Brandon, but the Celtics ended the Cavs home winning streak at five.

cats (11-1) opened defense of their Pac-10 title by dominating the boards 59-33 against visiting Arizo-na State (5-4, 0-1).

No. 13 Michigan 75, Michigan St. 64: Jalen Rose had 22 points and Juwan Howard added 17 as the Wolverines (9-2, 1-0 Big Ten) beat the visiting Spartans (9-4, 0-1) for the fourth straight time.

No. 17 Cincinnati 103, Chicago St. 49: LaZelle Durden had 33 points and matched his school record with eight 3-pointers as the Bearcats (11-2) crushed the Cougars (1-12) for the second straight year. Chicago State made the trip without its three leading scorers, who were suspended for breaking

No. 25 Marquette 79, Maranhis St. 67: Damon Key had 18 points and Rony Eford added 16 as the Warriors (8-3, 1-0 Great Midwest) bounced back from a loss to Wisconsin on Sunday. Marquette took control early by making eight of its first 14 shots. The visiting Tigers (5-5, 0-1) never got closer than 10 points in the second half.

Suns Strike Early To Swamp the Jazz

The Phoenix Suns had two rea-ons to worry about traveling to lowed with a 20-9 run, closing the sons to worry about traveling to Salt Lake City to play Utah. For one, the Jazz took a 10-game home winning streak into the game and had a 13-2 record at the Delta Center. For another, the Suns were playing without point guard Kevin

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Johnson, who was injured the night before in a loss at Seattle. Phoenix did not have to worry

"It sure wasn't expected for us to come out and score 40 points in the first quarter on them," said the Suns' coach, Paul Westphal, whose team shot 60 percent in the first period to Ultable 20.

team shot 60 percent in the first period to Utah's 29 percent. "They had a nice comeback Sunday night against Portland and we were leary of their ability to do that." A 30-7 run in the last 7:22 of the

first quarter, led by A.C. Green with 9 points, put the Suns in con-

with 9 points, par the Sains in con-trol. Green scored 15 of his 19 points in the first period.

Dan Majerle scored 25 points, including 6-for-8 from 3-point range, while Charles Barkley had 23 points and 11 rebounds.

SuperSonics 106, Cippers 98: Shawn Kemp had 22 points and tied a season high with 15 rebounds as Seartle won its fourth straight game and improved to 11-2 on the road and 24-3 overall. Los Angeles has dropped seven of nine games.

Danny Manning, the Clippers' leading scorer this season, ned a

season high with 15 rebounds. He ended with 18 points, despite making only two of his first 13 shots. Manning had 13 points in less quarter after Seattle built a 14point lead with 7:41 to play, But his related effort brought Los Angeles

only seven points closer.
Kings 106, Lakers 98: Sacramento won for the fourth time in five games, defeating Los Angeles de-spite blowing most of a 15-point lead in the fourth quarter.

Mitch Richmond scored 23 points for the Kings, who led 89-74, their largest margin of the game, on

ing him to succeed Richie Petithon as head coach as they had hoped.

they could come no closer.

Magic 105, Buils 90: Orlando handed visiting Chicago just its third loss in 18 games behind An-

fernee Hardaway's 20 points, 10

assists and four steals and Shaquille O'Neal's 28 points and 12

Timberwolves 109, Nuggets 95:

Minnesota snapped a seven-game losing streak as Michael Williams

and Luc Longley sparked a 15-2 third-quarter run after Issiah Rider

keem Olajuwon scored 15 of his 37 points during a 28-14 second-quar-ter surge and also had 14 rebounds

as Houston extended Dallas's

NBA-record home winless streak

Jones, had sanctioned the meeting, which Redskins officials and Turner, 41, then arranged. But late Wednesday, Jones said Turner would not be allowed to have the interview with the Red-skins while the Cowboys are still in

the playoffs. The Cowboys play an NFC divisional playoff game in Dallas on Jan. 16. "The interview is not going to happen this weekend," Charlie Dayton, a Redskins spokesman said late Wednesday. "It's being put off until after the playoffs."

The Reiskins had invited Turner that the Con-

The Associated Press ASHBURN. Virginia — The Washington Redskins will not be meeting with the Dallas Cowboys'

offensive coordinator, Norv

Turner, this weekend to discuss hir-

The Cowboys' owner, Jerry

to fly to Washington after the Cow-boys' last practice of the week, Walt Williams's 3-pointer with

In granting the Redskins permission Tuesday to interview his assistant coach. Jones said he that did not want to stand in the way of Turner advancing his career, but that he also did not want the pro-

ended in dismissal, said he was in-terested in the Redskins post and the Atlanta Falcons' coaching job.

Ryan, now the defensive coordnator of the Houston Oilers, told the Houston Chronicle: "Td like to talk to anybody who has a head coaching job available. Maybe we can win the Super Bowl and some-

Many NFL observers say Ryan probably ruined his chances of gaining another head coaching post when he punched the Oilers' offen-sive coordinator, Kevin Gilbride, on national television Sunday night during a 24-0 victory over the New York Jets.

Coleman Is Traded by Mets To Royals for McReynolds

New York Times Service

"We, as an organization, feel we need to put the Coleman situation behind us and we got value in Kevin really where there was no value because Vince was not going to play for the ball cinb this year," he said. There was little value to be had for Coleman for two reasons.

First, all of baseball knew that McIlvaine had a mandate from ownership to see to it that Coleman never donned a Mets uniform again, thus giving the Mets little leverage. Second, most clubs were scared off by Coleman's recent troubles off the field, chief of which was a firecracker-throwing incident in July that resulted in a misde-

The Royals were the only team interested in talking trade.

The deal was agreed upon three days ago, but both teams were given a 48-hour grace period before finalization by the commissioner's office. The final agreement came Wednesday.

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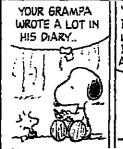
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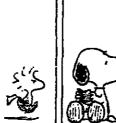
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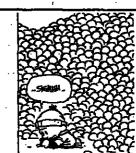


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body will be interested in me."

The New York Mets, discarding remnants of the woeful 1993 season like so many bad memories, ended the failed experiment that was Vince Coleman by trading the outfielder to the Kansas City Royals. In return, the Mets reacquired another enigmatic outfielder, Kevin McReynolds, who roamed Shea Stadium for five years before being staded to the Benderic Head of the Benderic Head of the Repulsion that the Pert Statement and the 1001. traded to the Royals in the Bret Saberhagen deal in 1991.

The Mets' general manager, Joe McIlvaine, said the team had had precious few options when it came to moving Coleman.

meanor conviction for possession of an explosive device.

Only two clubs expressed interest in signing Coleman, but only if the Mets swallowed his \$3 million 1994 contract and released him.

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SPORTS

Unseeded Germans To Meet Czechs In Hopman Final

The Associated Press

Huber and Bernd Karbacher won their singles matches Thursday, moving defending champion Germany into the final of the Hopman Cup with a victory over Austria. Huber recovered from a second-

set slump to beat Indith Wiesner, 6-2, 1-6, 6-2 and Karbacher defeated Alex Antonitsch; 7-6 (7-5); 6-2. The unseeded German pair beat Antonitsch and Wiesner, 8-4, in the mixed doubles pro set to complete

a 3-0 sweep.

Germany plays the Czech Republic for the title Friday night Huber and Karbacher replaced the champion pair of Michael Stick and Steffi Graf as the German representatives and scored victories over South Africa, the United States and Anstria on their way to

Huber and Karbacher are both 3-0 in singles matches. When I saw the draw, I certainly didn't expect that we would make the final," Karbacher said.

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PERTH, Australia - Anke in the world, won the last four games after the players were locked at 2-2 in the final set. Huber sealed her victory with a backhand drop shot on her third match point.

"Anke played some of her best tennis and put me under a lot of pressure," Wiesner said. I was too Karbacher, ranked 54th in the

world, was deep in trouble in the first set before recovering. Automisch led 5-2 and had four set points. in the eighth game before Kar-bacher recovered his composure.

Like Huber, Karbacher won the final four games of his match.
"It is easy if you always go into
your singles 1-0 up," he said. "It is nice to know that even if you lose your singles there is another

Against Ivan Lendl in the quarrefinals, Karbacher hit every ball flat out. Facing Amonitsch, the 25-year-old Bayanian varied the pace. "I was waning for boom boom from him and it didn't happen," Wiesner in impressive style. The Antonitsch said.

NHL Standings



Ed Podivinsky speeding down the shortened course Thursday in Saalbach, Austria, the first Canadian downhill victor since 1989.

No Knee Surgery Needed for Hurley
SACRAMENTO, California (AP) — Bobby Hurley, the Sacramento

Hurley received the word Wednesday after he underwent successful

structive surgery on the knee and months of recuperation before he could

return to the National Basketball Association. But on Wednesday,

doctors at University Medical Center said the knee would heal on its own. He is expected to be discharged from the hospital Thursday.

over an alleged attempt by chib officials to bribe an opposing team.

Also Wednesday, French prosecutors asked the National Assembly for

Tapie Seeks Formal Bribe Inquiry

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request on Monday.

Dan Reeves, who took over the

Argentina in May. (AP)

Zhong Weiyue of China set her second short-course world record in as many days Thursday, finish-

ing the 50-meter butterfly in 26.44 seconds at the World Cup tournament in Beijing. She set a record of 58.71 seconds Wednesday in the

The Hooston Oflers' player Jeff Alm was legally drunk when he committed suicide after his best

friend was killed in a car crash, officials said. The drug Fiorinal, a commonly prescribed muscle relaxant, was also found in his blood.

100-meter butterfly.

A Downhill 1-2 For Canadians

Compiled by One Staff From Dispension: first run, who were the only qualifi-SAALBACH, Austria - Ed Po- ers for the second heat. civinsky became the first Canadian to win a World Cup downhill in after the first heat, shared fifth nearly five years on Thursday, ral-lying from 15th after the first run to at 2:10.42

edge his compatriot Cary Mullen. Podivinsky finished with an ag-gregate time of two minutes, 9.83 seconds for two runs on an icy, fast course, beating Muilen — the first-run leader — by 38 hundredths of a Mader finished only 23d Thurs-

The two-run downhill sprint was used for only the second time in men's World Cup history, the other time coming on Jan. 20, 1990 when Atle Skaardal of Norway won at

The victory was the first by a Canadian since Rob Boyd on Feb. 25, 1989, at Whistler Mountain, Kitzbühel, Austria. poor weather conditions do not allow the traditional single long run. Sudden high winds on the Saalbach course forced judges to switch

On Thursday, Skaardal, 14th af- Dave Marray were known as the plans to the shorter sprints. ter the first run, started first on the second run and skied a 1:04.71 to take third place with a 2:10.30 total. Marc Girardelli, the defending World Cup overall champion, was fourth in 2:10.41. Less than six-tenths of a second

six Canadians finished in the top

was seventh.

"It's crazy, I'm really amazed," said Podivinsky, 23, who had never finished higher than 11th in a World Cup race.

Ralph Socher of Canada, fourth

Norway's Kjetil-Andre Aamodt

finished in 2:10.81 for 10th place

and the overall World Cup lead

day in a disappointing day for the

Austrians, whose best finish was

that of the the Olympic downhill champion, Patrick Ordieb, who

British Columbia, and recalled

memories of a decade ago when the Canadian downhillers Ken Read.

Dave Irwin, Steve Podborski and

Boyd was 26th on Thursday as

He attributed his blistering sec-ond run to complete relaxation and knowledge that Canada had the lead with Mullen.

"I was so excited when I heard that Cary was leading in the second leg that I lost any nervousness and just went down as fast as I could."

Entering the 1993-94 season, Podivinsky was ranked 47th in the world in downhill, and Mullen was 23d and Socher 36th.

On Thursday, the course mea sured 1,515 meters (1,651 yards) with a vertical drop of 485 meters. compared with the original length of 3,250 meters with a vertical drop of 920 meters.

The top 15 in the first leg started in reversed order in the second leg. Aamodt said the split downhill had not been to his liking, but Skaardal said he felt well suited for such an event. He said, however, that he opposed introducing them

on a permanent basis. "Its very exciting and attractive for the spectators, but I think a downhill must be long and tough so and Sunday.
that we can really prove what is in us," Skaardal said. (AP, Reuers)

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Wiberg Storms Back To Edge Slalom Rivals

Kings' injured guard, won't need reconstructive surgery on his right knee after all, his doctors said. minor surgery on a fractured left clavicle, one of an array of injuries he sustained Dec. 12 in a serious traffic accident. Hurley, 22, also suffered a near-fatal detached trachea, collapsed lungs and other fractures. The driver of the other car suffered a broken leg.

The Kings' doctors said last month that Hurley would require reconstructive surgery on the knee and months of reconstruction before he could the second run on Thursday for a brilliant victory in one of the tightest finishes ever in a women's

World Cup slalom. Wiberg, eighth after the first leg and more than 1.5 seconds adrilt of the leader, Patricia Chauvet of France, threw caution to the wind in the second to snatch her seventh career World Cup victory and second slalom of the season with a total time of 1 minutes 49.39 seconds. PARIS (Combined Dispatches) — The French entrepreneur-politician
Bernard Tapie has asked magistrates to formally place him under
investigation in connection with a soccer corruption inquiry, according to Vreni Schneider of Switzerland

Wreni Schneider of Switzeriand was second, just .04 back at 1:49.43, and Chanvet dropped to third, at 1:49.47.

Anita Wachter of Austria finished 12th after being third in the first run. She still held onto the first run. She still held onto the first run.

his lawyer.

The attorney, Francis Debacker, said Tapie, president of the Olympique Marseille soccer club and a minister in the former Socialist government, had made the request to magistrates leading the inquiry "in order to put a halt to slander and rumors." Tapie's club is under investigation her victory. "It felt much better than the first

rum," she said, adding, in reference to her fall in the giant slalom on Wednesday: "I was a little bit

afraid in the first after going out MORZINE, France — Pernilla
Wiberg of Sweden charged back in it looked, it was really good." Wiberg trailed Chauvet by 1.64

seconds after the morning run. But then she biazed a time of 55.29 in the second run, better than Schneider's 56.12 and Chauvet's Italy's Deborah Compagnoni,

winner of Wednesday's giant slalom on the same course, produced her best slalom performance of the season, finishing fourth.

Wiberg, the Olympic giant sla-lom champion, was delighted with

The next women's races are a super-G and slalom in Altenmarkt, Austria, on Saturday and Sunday.

permission to take new action against Tapie, including his possible arrest.

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The New Superhighway

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — The promises being made for the "information superhighway" are reminiscent of the oversell of atomic energy in the late 1940s

With the atom's energy, we were told, it would cost only two or three cents to pay the monthly electricity bill. A few pennies' worth of atomic energy would power the Queen Mary across the Atlantic, making luxury travel available to millions. To find how it came out, glance

at your last electricity bill. Ask a ravel agent to book you on the Queen Mary for the luxurious five-day voyage to Southampton. You'll take the wretched overnight flight to Heathrow and like it, wise guy. What's more, you'd be ill advised to annoy the atomic-energy wizards by asking what ever happened to the miracle of incredibly cheap travel.

The oversell on the "information superhighway" exploits the same public gullibility that true atomic-energy believers exploited decades ago. It's a gullibility that flows from a touchingly credulous eagerness to believe that new miracle ages are constantly hurking just around the corner.

Even the most ponderous news-paper reporting on the "informa-tion superhighway" breathes hints of a new age of magic soon to flow out of fiber-optic wire. The papers suggest the individual will never again have to leave the

house, or the car, or whatever cocoon he chooses to inhabit. With a computer he will be able to sit tight and move happily through the universe, communicating and playing games and "interacting" with both the arts and the schlock, and watching movies or hundreds of TV channels that provide gossip and game shows and instruction in calculus and woodworking, while phoning up Burundi or Osaka or the corner deli for fast-food delivery.

The point of the miracle seems to be that humanity will never again ing and hostile takeovering about have to go out on real superhighint the communications world? ways, or even mere highways, or even byways or sidewalks. You settle down on your liber-optic wires and cruise the "information superhighway" to total communication.

I am making it sound singularly nightmarish and silly, which is un-

fair because there will probably be some real advantages to be had from the thing. What advantages these might be I can't guess, any more than I could have guessed in 1946 that atomic power might someday enrich our poorer states with federal money for letting their land be used as dump sites for radioactive waste.

I have seen it said, for example, that a person on the "information superhighway" will, while driving home from work, be able to tell his kitchen oven to start cooking the roast. This is as much progress as anybody ought to expect of a new technological miracle, and I ap-plaud it, though not as joyously as I would applaud a low-priced Atlan-tic crossing on an atomic-powered

Nobody is talking much about what it will cost a customer to get on the new superhighway. This is probably because nobody has the faintest notion about costs. It's at this stage — when enthusiasm, vi-sion and dreams of big killings pre-vent everybody from thinking much about real money — that the oversell of new technological mir-

acles tends to be fiercest. Television, which was the most commercially successful technological miracle since the automobile, quickly became so vital to Ameri-cans that people who couldn't even afford shoes bought sets in the millions. Automobiles still sell robustly though the cost of the average car would have bought one of the best bouses in the neighborhood 40 years ago, back when we were dreaming of the atomic miracle taking us to Europe dirt cheap.

The question is whether we will be as desperate for total communision and still are for wheels. The financial types who play Wall Street Monopoly For Big Boys seem to be betting that we will, or else what's all the merging, acquir-

Personally, while I wouldn't mind being able to get in touch with my oven while sitting in my car I'd rath-er put the money into a new car. Pay no attention to this mossback killjoy, however. I'm still sulking about the atomic-energy flop.

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From a Child's Pen, A Sarajevo War Diary

light, water or gas.

By Alan Riding
New York Times Service

PARIS — For two years, through the I steady destruction of Sarajevo, the endless food shortages, the deaths of friends and the constant atmosphere of fear, Zlata Filipovic, now 13, kept a diary that recorded the life and feelings of a young girl trapped in a war she could not

At times, she imagined the war would never end, "If things go on like this, I'll be 20 in a few years time," she wrote. "If it turns out to be another

'Lebanon,' as they keep saying, Fil be 30. Gone will be my childhood. Gone my youth. Gone my life. And I'll die and this war still won't be

Yet two weeks ago, thanks to her diary, Miss Filipovic and her parents were evacuated

by the French authorities from Sarajevo. Bosnia-Herzegovina. And now, still surprised to find herself

in the safety of Paris, the teenager is sud-denly confronted with the fact that she has become an overnight literary sensation. "The Diary of Zlata Filipovic," pub-

lished here three weeks ago, went immediately to the top of France's nonfiction best-seller list. There are 50,000 copies in print in France, and rights to the book have been sold in nine other countries and are under negotiation in the United States.

The diary's success suggests that even in a world numbed by television images of daily atrocities in Sarajevo, in a Western Europe racked by guilt over its failure to halt the 21-month-old conflict in Bosnia-

Herzegovina, the voice of an innocent child still carries special weight. The French publisher Editions Robert Laffont/Fixot, which owns the foreign rights to the book, has predictably proclaimed Miss Filipovic to be the Bosnian war's version of Anne Frank, the Jewish girl who for 25 months kept a diary while in hiding from German troops in Amsterdam during World War II.

And as it happens, the Bosnian girl had read Anne Frank's diary before Sarajevo was engulfed by war and, like Anne Frank, she addressed her thoughts and fears to an imaginary friend. Minmy. More than once she hoped she would not suffer the same fate as Anne Frank, who died in a Nazi death camp at the age of 15.

"In a way, we were in the same posi-tion," Miss Filipovic said in an interview Tuesday. "In a war, writing a diary, lonely, can't go outside, losing our childhood. The difference is she was in an attic and I was in a cellar. It's crazy what happened to her.

It's crazy to think it could happen again." Sitting on a sofa at her publisher's offices, speaking in accented but fluent English, she seemed older, more mature, than her years would suggest.

Above all, she appeared intent on using

her new fame to draw attention to the plight of the 70,000 or age of 15 who are still in Sarajevo. "When peo-ple read my book, when The writer records almost nightly trips to they see me on televishelters, days without sion, they may help the children of Sarajevo beget the children. I want

to say to people: 'Stop! You live normal lives. Please help the children of Sarajevo. If you

forget, it will be the end."

What Miss Filipovic has no time for is politics. In her diary and again in person, she poured scorn on all politicians. "It's a war between idiots, not between Serbs and Croats and Muslims. They're crazy. Even when they're signing a cease-fire, we could hear the boom of shells landing."

"Those 'kids' are playing around with us," she wrote on May 4, 1993, using the nickname she gave Bosnia's politicians. "Ordinary people don't want this division because it won't make anyone happy, not the Serbs, not the Croats, not the Muslims.

But who asks ordinary people? Politics But who asks ordinary people? Politics only asks its own people."

Significantly, even though she was writing about an ethnic war fought against a
religious background, the diary makes no
reference to religion. Miss Filipovic herself is of mainly Croat descent, but she
insisted her family was mixed and not at
all devout. "When the family began to mix
many years ago, they stopped believing in
God."

Much of her diary is given over to the incidents of daily life: from almost nightly trips to bomb shelters, days without light, water or gas and the scramble to find food to the small pleasures of reading or resuming her piano lessons or braving snipers to visit her grandparents.

But tragedy is also constantly present. On May 7, 1992, Miss Filipovic's 11-year-old friend Nina is killed by a shell. "We



Zlata Filipovic in Sarajevo: "Til die and this war still won't be over."

went to kindergarten together and we used to play together in the park," she wrote. "A disgusting war has destroyed a young child's life."

Only occasionally does she sound desperate. "Oh Minnny, I can't take it any more," she wrote on June 1, 1993. "There's a growing possibility of my killing myself if all these morous up there and down here don't kill me first. I'm losing it. I want to scream. Bang my fists! Kill. I'm human too, you know. I can only take so much, Ooohh! I'm so sick of it all!"

Looking back, she said she never really contemplated suicide. "I think I was crazy that day." she said with a sliebtly embar-

that day," she said with a slightly embar-rassed smile. In fact, she went on, most people grew accustomed to the bombing and suffering. "When you got used to things, it was easier, but some people did commit suicide."

"There was a woman in our neighborhood who was very tidy, always cleaning all day," she recounted. "When the war came, there was no soap or detergent and things are dirty and she goes crazy. She tries to leave and waited day after day for a convoy. One day, it was too much for her. She hanged herself."

The existence of her diary became known when part of it was published last June in photocopy version by the municipal authorities in Sarajevo. Eventually, a French photographer brought a copy of the diary to Paris, and she returned to Sarajevo with an offer from Editions Robert Laffont/Fixot to publish it.

The understanding though, was that the publisher would help the Filipovic family - Zlata is an only child - to And this proved difficult; French authorities were finally persuaded to fly the

three of them out on a military aircraft to the Italian air base of Ancona. From there, a French government plane brought them to Paris on Dec. 23.

In the coming weeks, Miss Filipovic is to travel to Germany, the Netherlands and Italy to publicize her diary and more trips may follow. Later, the family hopes to resettle in Slovenia.

And, in the meantime, both the young diarist and Editions Robert Laffont/Fixot say they will contribute some royalties to charities that are helping Sarajevo's chil-

Susanna Lea, the publisher's foreign-rights director, said she was confident that the diary was written solely by the Bosnian girl and noted that it was published in the form in which it was received.

Miss Filipovic, however, confessed to a little censorship of her own. "I took two or three dates out because of little secrets, she said shyly. They're interesting, but they're mine. I still have the pages and, no, I'm not going to tell you what they say.'

WEEKEND SKI REPORT

PEOPLE

Michael Jackson Gets NAACP Image Award

Michael Jackson got a long ova-tion at the Image Awards of the National Association for the Ad-vancement of Colored People and proclaimed that he was innocent of allegations that he molested a 13year-old boy. Jackson, named En-tertainer of the Year, said, "I know that the truth will be my salvation." He has not been charged with any crime; the boy is suing him. Whit-ney Houston, Angela Bassett, Den-zei Washington and Spike Lee's "Malcolm X" also received awards.

Sting picked up six Grammy nominations Thursday, including record, song and album of the year. Billy Joel, also nominated in those categories, received four, as did R.E.M. and Whitney Houston.

Heidi Fleiss says she never named names. Vamity Fair quotes the Hol-lywood madam as saying that the actor Charlie Sheen and the proactor Charlie Sheen and the pro-ducer Join Peters were among those who hired \$1,500-a-night prosti-mes. But speaking to a TV crew through the intercom of her Los Angeles house, Fleiss denied quotes attributed to her and told a Chicago radio station, "I don't talk that way, especially about other people." A publicist said the magazine stood by the story, by Lynn Hirschberg. Meanwhile, Sheen denied Fleiss's reported claim that she has a videotape of him having sex with two women. Not only is it unequivocally impossible, it's unconscionable," Sheen said. "It constantly amazes me what this woman will say just to hang on to her 15 minutes of fame. She's at 14 minutes and counting."

The fashion photographer Richard Avedon has settled a \$5 million lawsuit filed by his former daughterin-law by agreeing to relinquish made pactures he took of his grand-sons. Elizabeth Paul Avedon, who divorced Avedon's son John in 1987, claimed the photographer had behaved in sexually inappropriate ways with the boys. Avedon's lawyer said there were "no findings of misconduct on Mr. Avedon's part" and neither side will pay the other.

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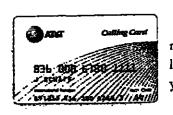
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